U.S., Ending Ban, Will Talk With Sinn Fein

By Thomas W. Lippman
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton on Monday lifted the long-standing U.S. ban on official contact with Sinn Fein, the political wing of the outlawed Irish Republican Army, and invited its president, Gerry Adams, to "begin a dialogue" with Washington.

After intense negotiations throughout the weekend, the Clinton administration also agreed to invite Mr. Adams to meet officials at the State Department on Tues-

Administration officials said these gestures were intended to reward Mr. Adams for his role in arranging the cease-fire anbunced by the IRA oo Aug. 31. The Clinton administration views the truce as the first serious opportunity in a generation to negotiate a peace settlement in Northern Ireland.

Mr. Adams, until recently a pariah and still officially a terrorist, has been legitimized by the cease-fire and been transformed virtually overnight into a legitimate diplomatic interlocutor.

But Mr. Clinton declined to allow him to be received at the White House, keeping what U.S. officials and diplomatic sources said was a promise to Prime Minister John Major of Britain.

British officials said they were still oot entirely convinced that the IRA had forsworn violence, and they have been advocating cautioo in accepting Mr. Adams's promises at face value.

["We're neither surprised nor unsurprised — we're not concerned," a spokesman for Mr. Major said in London, Reuters reported, "We've been keeping a close eye on Mr. Adams's visit and listening to what he's been saying. At the end we will collect our thoughts and make some re-

As recently as Friday, according to several sources, as the administration negotiated the lifting of the ban, the only U.S. official it was offering for a meeting with Mr. Adams was J. Michael Lekson, director of the State Department's office of Northern European Affairs.

But Mr. Adams wanted to see Vice President Al Gore at the White House, as several other political leaders from Northern Ireland have done this year.

"We thought we had the balance pretty well set," a White House official said, "but over the weekend the British press was portraying this as 'White House Shuns

Gerry Adams."

Having taken the risk of granting Mr.

Adams a U.S. visa last spring in an effort
to show him he could gain more by peaceful talk than by violence, the administratioo did oot want to be seen as shutting the door to him, this official said.

On Sunday, according to a White House statement Mooday, Mr. Gore telephoned Mr. Adams to inform him that the han on official contacts would be lifted.

At the same time, the oational security dviser, W. Anthony Lake, offered a com-

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Cargo Door Broke Off, Ferry Videotapes Show

About 4,500 Ships of Similar Design Are Now Deemed Potentially Unsafe

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

TURKU, Finland - Io a finding that could have major implications for the world's car-ferry industry, investigators said Monday that the huge front cargo door of the Estonia broke off after the locks failed, dooming more than 900 people to death.

Investigators in Finland, who studied 15 hours of videotape of the wreck lying 80 to 90 meters under the Baltic Sea, said the bow section, which hinges upward, had become completely detached from the ship. It was not found.

The discovery meant that many other ferries with similar moveable bow visors were considered potentially unsafe. About 4,500 ferries are in service around the world, many of them of the same roll-on roll-off type as the Estonia, where vehicles load at the rear and drive off at the front.

Swedish inspectors on Monday ordered the withdrawal from service of the ferry Lion Prince after discovering a erack in the frame supporting the bow door. The chief inspector, Erik Wedin, said the condition of the ship was "inexcusable." It runs between Varberg, Sweden, and Grena, Den-

In Britain, the Stena Sealink line withdrew the ferry Stena Felicity from service between Wales and Ireland after a locking pin on a bow door sheared.

Swedish investigators disclosed last week that before the Estonia disaster there had been several incidents with the bow doors oo Baltic ferries, including one in which a boat took a large amount of water on its main vehicle deck.

Investigators believe that hundreds of tons of sea water poured onto the Estonia's car deck, making it impossible to control the ship as the water sloshed from ooe eod of the giant deck to the other in a storm. Experts said that the lack of bulkheads, or retaining inner walls, on the ferries meant that even a relatively small amount of water on the deck could be disastrous.

In Tallinn, Estonia, the Estline, the Swedish-Estonian shipping company that owned the Estonia, said it would permanently seal the bow doors of a sister ship, the Vironia, before it is put into service. Cars and trucks will have to load and unload through the stern doors.

The Finnish transport minister, Ole Norrback, said his government was con-sidering banning bow doors altogether. Operators like the fore and aft doors

because they enable crews to load and unload hundreds of vehicles quickly and thus increase a ship's productivity. Vidcotape hrought back by two Finnish

undersea robots indicated that with the bow section dislodged, storm seas breached the water-tight door behind. This door hinged downward to double as a vehicle ramp.

"The watertight bow ramp that was lo-cated behind the visor is still in place, although there is a gap of about one meter along its top edge, which has allowed water to flow onto the car deck," the 11-member investigation team said in a statement. "The water inflow through the partly dis-lodged forward ramp has been of sufficient magnitude to result in a lack of stability and the capsizing of the ferry."

The powerful lights aboard the robots ierced the darkness to reveal the Estonia lying in one piece, with many of its life-bouts still attached. The ship is a tomb for hundreds of passengers and erew.

A member of the international investi-gating team, Olof Forssberg, said the film showed what had happened after the Esto-nia night ferry left Tallinn for Stockholm, but did not say why.

"The hardest question remains to be answered: Why did the locking mechanism fail?" he said, adding that it might be possible to remove parts from the wreck to

examine them.

Although the tragedy has cast doubt on the seaworthiness of this kind of roll-on, roll-off ferry, the Swedisb co-owner of Estline said it would be a mistake to blame the

shipping operators.
"When we buy a ship and have all the documents, we think it's safe," Ronald

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In India, Problems of Modern Day Breed an Ancient Ill

By John F. Burns

SURAT, India - Driven by a breeze from the muddy Tapti River, the smoke spiraling from Lilaben Mensuklal's funeral pyre wafted suddenly across the courtyard at the open-air crematory here, prompting weeping men to clutch homemade masks of cotton cloth more tightly

"It is a sad business, sir, a sad business," said Mahendra Modi, caretaker at the Ashwini Kumar crematory, home to most of the victims remain sullen and wary,

who has overseen dozens of similar cremations since an epidemic of pneumonic plague began sweeping this ancient city two weeks ago. Like others at the funeral, he antibiouc pills that have recently become a universal moved sharply back as the smoke moved in his direction. In the shantytowns that sprawl down to the riverbank,

not even the dead are trusted, so great is the fear of contagion from the airborne bacteria that carry poeumonic plague.

Residents who have remained in the slums that were

Like many others who bave died, the 22-year-old Mrs. Mensuklal, the mother of six, will not figure in official lists. According to family members who carried her petal-strewn bier, she fell ill on Thursday night with

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Richest States' New Reality: World Is Not Theirs Alone

By Alan Friedman

PARIS - The battle over aid for developing countries that shook the International Monetary Fund this week - triggering an unprecedented conflict between its richest member oatioos and Miehel Camdessus, the embattled IMF chief -

goes well beyood the man himself. Instead the dispute raises fundamental questions not only about the future role of the IMF but also about the nature of international economie relations between Group of Seven governments and the increasingly militant ranks of developing countries.

Put simply, for the first time since the North-South polemics of the 1970s, the poor countries are feeling their oats. Deficit-strapped ricb countries may have to adjust the way they manage the world economy on the eve of the 21st century.

On one level Mr. Camdessus's standing among G-7 nations has been unquestionably damaged. At least five of the seven governments are angry at the way the IMF managing director openly sided with developing nations in seeking more than \$50 billion in oew IMF reserves.

The result of Mr. Camdessus' partisan stance was that Third World countries felt bold enough to block a G-7 compromise proposal that would have offered \$23.4 billion worth of fresh reserves. Yet, in the end the developing countries achieved a Pyrrhic victory since not a penny of new reserves was approved.

"We really do blame Camdessus for egging on the developing countries," one

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senior U.S. official said Monday. This official and a European colleague both accused the IMF chief of having "delusions

of grandeur." But the issue of Mr. Camdessus's personality is not the central question. Far more relevant is the growing reality that a number of developing economies are prospering rapidly and over the next decade or so they will gain in stature and political

China is an excellent example: It is not a G-7 member, but it will undouhtedly be among the most important economies on

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¿U.S. Troops Move In to Disband a Pro-Cédras Militia of the military. In recent days, members of Aristide supporters had been highly crit-

Washington Past Service
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — U.S. troops, backed by tanks, armored vehicles and helicopters, on Monday arrested members of Haiti's most feared paramilitary group, seized a large cache of weapons and then stepped back as jubilant crowds

ransacked the group's headquarters.
U.S. forces, who had been criticized for not moving swiftly against the Front for the Advancement and Progress of Haiti,

By Richard L. Berke

Netsch pulled an upset and won the Dem-

ocratic primary for governor of Illinois in March, she seemed well on her way to

following the trail blazed here two years

ago by Carol Moseley-Braun on her way to

Not only is Ms. Netsch the first woman

nominated for governor by either major

the U.S. Senate.

New York Times Service
CHICAGO — When Dawn Clark

sealed off the streets leading to the head-quarters with razor wire, rolled five Sheridan tanks to the front of the Normandie bar, from where the group operated, pointed their guns at the buildings and began arresting those inside.

In all, 35 people were arrested, disarmed and taken away in trucks while a crowd of several thousand cheering Haitians stood by to roar their approval of the U.S. action. Several other arms caches were seized,

some in the homes of wealthy supporters

party in Illinois, she is also the first woman-in the nation with a female running mate,

Penny Severns. Yet Ms. Netsch rarely talks

to voters about the historic nature of her

ticket, and her candidacy has generated

Unlike Ms. Moseley-Braun, a Democrat

who drew support from Republican wom-

en. Ms. Netsch is having trouble winning over women in her own party and is stalled as much as 30 points behind Governor Jim

Edgar in local polls.

little enthusiasm among women or men.

'94 No Year of the Woman in U.S. Politics

the paramilitary group had openly shot anti-junta demonstrators, killing at least three on Tuesday and five on Friday, and there had been growing pressure to shut the group down. How and when to disarm civilian para-

military groups has been a central question for U.S. forces here, who are occupying the natioo to create a stable environment for the return of the overthrown president, the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

constantly, then it sounds as if you're say-

ing people should vote for you just because

While the professorial Ms. Netsch is a

far different candidate in many ways from

the youthful Ms. Moseley-Braun - and

her sex is but one factor in her campaign -

her conflict over whether to emphasize the

fact that she is a woman is emblematic of

the conflicts faced by female candidates

The impressive gains by women in 1992 have left a complicated legacy for those

running this year; many agree that being a

woman is not the advantage it was two

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you're a woman."

around the country.

ical of what they called the slow pace of American efforts to disarm the Front and other groups tied to the army, which were hated and feared by most civilians here.

Monday's taking of the Front's head-quarters came as the United States cootin-ued to insist it had no intention of taking control of Haiti's internal security and

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PULLING IN TWO - Demonstrators tearing apart a German flag Monday in Bremen. Anarchists rioted in the city on Unity Day. Page 2.

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Agriculture Chief In U.S. Resigns

Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, under investigation for accepting gifts from people or companies that do husiness with his department, resigned Monday. The former congressman from Mississippi had been one of four blacks in the Clinton cabinet. (Page 3)

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"Nobody is really paying much attention," Ms. Netsch, the 68-year-old state comptroller, said in an interview at her campaign beadquarters. "Maybe it's our Down Up 3.70 0.64% fault for not having made more of it. But if you beat everybody over the head with it 113.88

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Newsstand Prices

Poisoned Paprika Leaves a Bitter Aftertaste in the New Hungary

By John Pomfret Washington Post Service

BUDAPEST - Somebody is spiking Hungary's

Sales of paprika, the sunset-colored powder that occupies pride of place in the spacious culinary pantheon of this Central European country, were suspended last week following the discovery of large amounts of lead-rich red paint lacing up to one-third of the paprika samples tested by the government.

A nationwide manhuot against what a spokesman for the National Police headquarters called "the big-

gest and most serious food adulteratioo case in the earn them significant booty. In a nation of 10 million country's modern history" has netted 18 people so far. At least 40 people have been hospitalized with lead poisoning after eating dishes tainted with poisoned paprika. The crisis is so serious that Prime Minister Gyula Horn has appointed his deputy, Gabor Kuncze,

There are many theories about a motive - including an international conspiracy to destroy Hungary's export markets and schemes to burt tourism here but the generally accepted reason is profit. According to police, nefarious dealers figured that cutting papri-ka with a toxic concoction of flour and paint could

people who consume almost a pound (one-half kilogram) of the stuff per capita a year, they were not far

According to lawmakers and economists, the plot to taint Hungary's favorite spice could serve as a bitter lesson to this nation, which since 1989 has been in the forefront of former East Bloc countries emerging from four decades of communism. The scandal, they say, reflects the dangers of rushing wildly from an overly controlled economic system to an almost-unregulated

The fact that paprika is iovolved, they say, virtually

guarantees the lesson will be learned. Hungarians are almost as proud of their paprika and their cuisine, the sole oasis in the culinary desert that is present-day Eastern Europe, as they are of their unusual language.

"Without paprika, we have no soul," said Gabor Szekelyi, the chef at Gundel, Hungary's most famous restaurant, situated near the Budapest Zoo, Mr. Szekelyi, who learned to cook in his grandmother's kitchen, calls the spice "the key to my art."

Paprika first came to Hungary in the 16th century by a circuitous route during the occupation of the See SPICE, Page 4



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to head the inquiry.

By Alan Riding

New York Times Service PARIS - Having the first issue of his redesigned morning newspaper distributed at 2 P.M. was not what Serge July, the editor of Libération, had in 70,000 it expects to lose about \$8 milmind when he set out to overhaul the left-of-center tahloid.

problems ironed out, Mr. July was able to turn his attention to his main goal; capturing more readers and advertis-

lion to meet that objective, doubling the paper's size and adding sections while keeping its price the same. But nothing is sure in the convulsed French newspaper market.

its daily circulation has been level at around 170,000 since 1988. It need not tional dailies have fallen 15 percent nothing drastic will be done. since 1990, while newspapers continue to lose advertising revenue to maga-

BREMEN, Germany — President Roman Herzog called on Germans on Monday to

show courage and flexibility in tackling the problems of reunification, while anti-unity dem-

onstrators clashed with police

Mr. Herzog was taking part in official celebrations in the

northern city of Bremen to

mark the fourth anniversary of

German reunification. But fes-tivities were overshadowed by

the violence and the campaign

for general elections on Oct. 16.

got under way in Bremen's Congress Center, baton-wield-

ing the police detained 100 an-

archists who threw stones and smashed shop windows in the

medieval town center. Seven of-

ficers were injured, a police

"We need courage like the air we breathe," Mr. Herzog said, He said that if "older people"

did not manage to solve their

problems, then he hoped that at

least the young people would

"Let us ask less what still

divides us but much more what

already unites us, and above all,

how we can use our differing

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spokesman said.

As Monday's celebrations

as he spoke.

In Germany, a Riot

On the Day of Unity

This summer, one daily, Le Quotidien, suspended publication and went into receivership. A new, cut-price tabloid, Infomatin, was started in January, but with a daily circulation of lion this year. Le Figaro, the national ft-of-center tahloid. daily with the largest readership, has But a day later, with the technical seen its circulation fall to 378,000 from

But perhaps the surest sign of the turmoll affecting French papers is that ever-staid Le Monde will mark its 50th anniversary in January said and turmoll affecting French papers is that ever-staid Le Monde will mark its 50th anniversary in January said and turnous said and turnous said anniversary in January Liberation plans to spend \$38.5 mil- anniversary in January with its own radical redesign. After losing money or barely breaking even in the last five the public's appetite for up-to-theyears it, too, has had to join the scramble for readers.

With Le Monde's circulation now While Liberation is still in the hlack, around 330,000, down from a peak of 445,000 in 1980, its editor, Jean-Marie Colombani, has sought to reassure the complain, though. Total sales of na- afternoon paper's loyal readers that

It was no coincidence that Mr. Co-capita basis, they are the world's larg-lombani announced Le Monde's est buyers of magazines but only the planned new look just days before Lib- 28th-largest huyers of newspapers.

experiences of life for the fu-

ture," he said. Mr. Herzog said it was un-

derstandable that many Germans in both East and West

were disappointed with unifica-

East Germans, overwhelmed

by dramatic political and eco-

nomic changes, were worried by

high unemployment and could not see any improvement com-

hand, were angry about the

slow pace of economic develop-

ment in the East and the high

cost of transforming the region

into a market economy. Chancellor Helmut Kohl at-

tended the festivities as a guest

but took no active part. Last week he canceled his Unity Day

television address to the nation,

saying he did not want oppo-

nents to accuse him of election-

Monday's clashes followed anarchist violence during the

night in which eight policemen

were hurt and 70 protesters

were detained after they set fire

tions went off smoothly after the police cordoned off the area

and Bremen's cathedral, where

an ecumenical service was held.

West Germans, on the other

ing, Mr. Herzog said.

tion so far.

eration turveiled its own face-lift. Lib- They read magazines because society family issues, public services and contration's appearance on the market in is treated in a sophisticated and ex- sumer affairs. "The day when we could 1973 posed a challenge to Le Monde. and to this day the papers compete. above all for the young and well-edu-

Both dailies, though, face a similar challenge. Since privately owned television channels were authorized here

And with all-news radio and television stations increasingly satisfying minute developments, advertisers and readers have been turning to weekly news magazines, among them L'Express, Le Point, Le Nouvel Ohservateur and L'Evénement de Jeudi, all of

which are prospering.
"The French have a passion for magazines," Mr. July said. "On a perhaustive way. That's why the recon- say we publish a special newspaper for quest of the daily press must pass a special reader is over," Mr. July addthrough magazines.

This strategy is more than apparent in the "new" Liberation, nicknamed Libé III because it is the daily's third

As of last week, Liberation aims to offer more information - Mr. July even dares use the word "services" in a more friendly format.

For example, its World, France, Metro and Culture sections, as well as its new Yous section, now open with what might be described as an executive summary of their contents. And each carries some magazine-length ar-

The Vous section is a particular nov-elty for France, modeled, by Mr. July's own admission, after the nonnews sections of many American papers.

ed. "Society is no longer homoge-

Indeed, Liberation's editor personifies this change. Now 51, he was a leader of the anti-government student movement that shook France in May 1968. When he began the newspaper 21 years ago as an outspoken defender of leftist causes, it had an assured readership in a highly politicized society.

But today, with the Socialists out of power, with many Frenchmen disenchanted with all political parties and with even university students more interested in finding jobs than in debat-ing the whithers of the nation, Mr. July is the first to argue that Libération needs more than political messages.

His goal is to increase Libération's circulation to 240,000 by 1999. And, it would seem, he does not mind where It carries articles on health, fashion, the readers come from.

WORLD BRIEFS

French Party Faces a New Inquiry

PARIS (Reuters) - France's Justice Ministry ordered a new investigation Monday into the funding of the centrist Republication, a key ally of Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, in the large

in a series of corruption inquiries.

The party is headed by Minister of Industry Gérard Longues, himself the target of a separate investigation of his personal finances. In a further hlow for Mr. Balladur's center-right cabinet, the new case is based on a judicial report the singles out three Republican Party leaders — Mr. Longuet, Defense Minister François Leotard and Minister of Enterprises Alain Madelin —

for possible investigation. The report questions how the the party received unexplained multimillion-franc payments in banknote-stuffed suitcases and acquired its Paris headquarters on advantageous terms. Members of Parliament from across the political spectrum, starting their autumn session, have proposed bills to reform party funding to stop companies from buying influence. But the issue is not on the government-controlled agenda, and Mr. Balladur said Saturday that he was against over-hasty legislation.

Police in France Enforce Scarf Ban

LILLE France (AP) — Police blocked a high school entrance here Monday to keep out about 20 Muslim girls who were seeking to defy a government ban on wearing Islamic scarves in public.

school classrooms.

The girls tried to enter the school during a daylong protest by about 100 people, including the families of some of the girls.

The demonstrators shouted slogans denouncing Education Minister François Bayrou, who last month issued a directive to French public schools specifying that Islamic scarves and other "ostentatious" religious apparel would be barred from class-

Official Defends China's Missile Sales

WASHINGTON (AP) — Foreign Minister Qian Qichen of China denied Monday that Beijing's sale of missile technology to Pakistan violated an international accord designed to curb prolif-

eration of dangerous weapons.

Only weapons used for the recipient country's legitimate selfdefense are sold by Beijing, Mr. Qian said at a joint news
conference with Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher. "China does not engage in the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction," he said.

The Clinton administration disagrees. It recently concluded that China's sale of M-11 missile technology violated the accord and punished China by depriving it of an estimated \$400 million to \$500 million in American technology.

Mandela, At UN, Asks for More Help

UNITED NATIONS, New York (AP) - President Nelson Mandela of South Africa urged the international community Monday to increase aid to his country, saying economic develop-

ment was crucial to the survival of democracy there.

Delegates welcomed Mr. Mandela with a standing ovation as he entered the General Assembly for the first time as South Africa's

Mr. Mandela said the international community must join in the economic restructuring of South Africa, just as the United Nations used economic and political sanctions to press for an end to apartheid. "The possibility actually to create a nonracial and nonsexist society depends on our ability to change the material conditions of life of our people so that they not only have the vote; hut they have hread and work as well," Mr. Mandela said.

Emergency Is Declared in Azerbaijan

BAKU, Azerbaijan (Reuters) - President Heydar A. Aliyev of In U.K. Eases Azerbaijan on Monday imposed a state of emergency in the

The decree followed the seizure of the country's general prosecutor Sunday night by special police units demanding the release of jailed colleagues. The prosecutor, Ali Umarov, was released on Monday. News reports said government troops exchanged fire with members of the special police after his release. Mr. Aliyev called the actions of the special police a "coup d'etat."

Under the constitution, the president has the right to enforce a state of emergency that could stay in effect for up to 60 days without ratification by the Parliament. It establishes special rules for entering and leaving the country, media censorship and a ban on demonstrations and strikes.

Iran Wants UN to End Iraq Embargo

TEHRAN (AFP) - fran has a strategie interest in having fraq re-emerge as a regional power, a senior Iranian official said Monday as he called for lifting the United Nations against

For our national security and interest, there is nothing more vital than a stable and prosperous regime in Baghdad," the deputy head of the Parliament's foreign affairs subcommittee, Mohammed Javad Larijani, told the Iran News.

Mr. Larijani said it was in Iraq's interest to have "good neighborly" relations with the Islamic republic.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Visitors Outpace Hotels in Vietnam

HANOI (AP) — Vietnam expects to see a 29 percent rise in the number of foreign tourists visiting this year, but its meager supply of world class accommodations threatens the boom, an official

About 650,000 foreigners visited Vietnam during the first nine months of the year, almost as many as in all of 1993, the state-run Vietnam News reported. But Vietnam may have to turn away people hoping to visit its biggest cities if their numbers continue to grow, the paper said. Most of the tourists came from France.

projects totaling \$1.3 billion. Most of the country's new hotels are being built in its commercial center, Ho Chi Minh City, and in the capital Hanoi

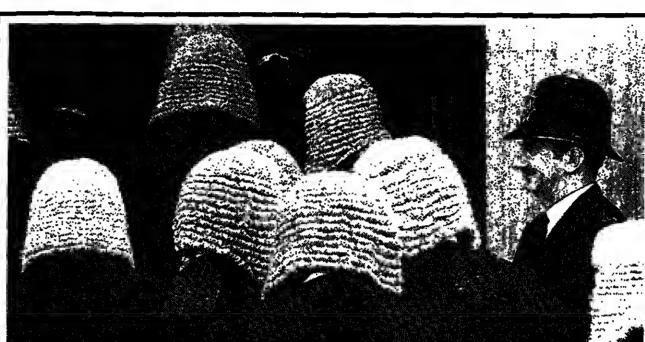
The extra flights to Detroit will begin on March 26 and to Minneapolis/St. Paul on May 1. (Bloomberg) Syria expects to receive a record 2 million visitors this year,

about 5 percent more than in 1993, Tourism Minister Amin Abu Shamat said in an interview. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's auti-terrorist adviser, General

Labor's spokesman on indus-try matters. Robin Cook, said

Igal Pressler, issued a warning to Israelis on Monday not to take flights over Iranian territory. Israel considers Iran one of its most dangerous foes and has regularly accused the Iranian government of being behind anti-Israeli attacks across the world. (AFP)

resolved longstanding noise problems, and tougher controls on air tour operations will be needed, the U.S. Interior Department said



out a moderate economic pro-

But party leaders sought to

"Instead of the vicious circle

and improvements in our bealth

Brown, right-hand man of the

Labor leads the governing

Conservatives by more than 20

percentage points in opinion polls and is regarded as the favorite to win the next election,

ish politics.

told delegates.

due by mid-1997.

ODD MAN OUT -A London policeman making his own headgear statement as the annual procession of judges entered the Houses of Parliament on Monday. The judges march from Westminister Abbey to begin the legal year.

From Ex-Major, a Royal Pain Labor Party

to cars and looted shops.
The Congress Center celebra- Palace Dismisses His Tale of a Love Affair With Diana

LONDON - Buckingham Palace reacted with haughty disdain Monday to the publication of a book that alleges that Princess Diana had a

long love affair with a riding instructor.
"This is another grubby little book that does not bear wasting time on," a Buckingham Palace

spokesman said. Diana's lawyer called on the public to "show their contempt for those who seek to make moncy out of the unhappiness of the royal couple."

"Princess in Love" is the story of James Hewitt, 36, a retired major, who asserts that he had an affair with the wife of Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, beginning in 1988.

The slim volume reports that Diana and Mr. Hewitt had romantic trysts at Kensington Pal-ace, at Prince Charles's country seat, near the swimming pool at Diana's family house and at the home of Mr. Hewitt's mother.

The riding instructor, who is unmarried, served in the clite Life Guards regiment as a tank commander in the Gulf War. He left the army in March on an \$11,000-a-year pension.

A London libel lawyer said that if Mr. Hewitt Treason Act of 1351 and could face the death

The act forbids adultery with the wife of the On Economy heir to the throne, said the lawyer, Mark Stephens. He said the aim was to "ensure that the heir to the throne is legitimate."

Diana, 33, formally separated from Charles.

45, in December 1992. They were married in Britain's Labor Party spelled

On Sunday, newspapers rushed into print with gram Monday that it says will fr. Hewitt's claim after word got out that he had form the basis for electoral suc-Mr. Hewitt's claim after word got out that he had form sold the story and that the book was to be cess. published Monday.

The News of the World quoted Mr. Hewitt as having said that he and Diana had fallen in love conference that they had not during the riding lessons and then had become betrayed Labor's commitment to greater social justice in a move toward the center of Brit-

The book is the latest emharrassment for Queen Elizabeth II over the love lives of her children.

of economic failure, unemploy-Last week, the father of another daughter-inment and more taxes to pay for law, the Duchess of York, published a book failure, we will create the virtuimplying that his daughter had had affairs with two Americans before separating from Prince ous circle of investment, growth Andrew in 1992,

and public services," the eco-Prince Charles acknowledged in June that he nomics spokesman, Gordon had made love to Diana, he had violated the had been unfaithful to Diana after their marriage. "became irretrievably broken down." party's new leader, Tony Blair,

Paula Jones Gives Clinton a Week To Apologize or Face Her Lawsuit

WASHINGTON — Paula is suing for \$700,000. Corbin Jones has given President Bill Clinton one week to apologize in a case of alleged sexual harassment or she will go ahead with a lawsuit against him, her attorney said.

"We are asking him to say: 'I am sorry for the untrue assertions which have been made about her, and which have adversely affected her character, good name and reputation," said her attorney, Gilbert Da-

sexual advances made against was struck between the two and that "she did not engage in her in May 1991 in a Little lawyers fell though, he said afany improper or sexual conRock hotel, when Mr. Clinton ter White House officials comduct."

Mr. Clinton's private attor-

ney, Robert S. Bennett, said in a then makes no further reference New York Times Magazine ar- to the case for a month afterticle Sunday that teams of law- ward, the lawsuit will he yers had negotiated in May to dropped. stave off the expected lawsuit Mr. Davis said Mr. Clinton but that Mrs. Jones's backers could read the statement "in were unprepared to accept Mr. Moscow, or South Africa or Clinton's "adamant denial" of wherever — I really don't the charges. Mr. Davis disputes this ver-

sion of events, saying that in comment on the ultimatum, May Mr. Bennett was prepared and Mr. Bennett could not be to authorize a statement saying reached.

was governor of Arkansas. She mented on the case. Mr. Davis said that if Mr. Clinton reads a similar statement by Oct. 9, and

The White House had no

wis.

Mr. Jones, a former Arkansas state employee, has filed a suit against Mr. Clinton for what she said were unwanted servial advances made against.

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Mr. Brown announced plans last week to end Labor's image as a party wedded to high government spending for social programs paid for by high levels of tax, especially on the rich. But he told a conference anxious that the party may be moving too far from its socialist roots that a

> "I'm serving notice on the Tory something-for-nothing elite, the insider dealers, the undeserving rich, the enemies of opportunity who, he said, have starved the country of long-term investment."

Labor government would abol-

ish tax breaks for the rich.

that the party would stop company takeovers that were not in the public interest and that financiers "should invest in huilding factories, not in buying them up and stripping them down."

Japan, Taiwan and the United States. Only 54 percent of the country's hotel rooms meet international standards, despite foreign investments in joint-venture tourism

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines plans to double flights to Detroit and Minneapolis/St. Paul from Amsterdam next year to twice a day;

Restrictions on tour flights over the Grand Canyon have not



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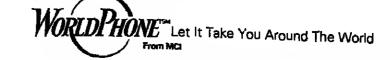
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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Agricul-ture Secretary Mike Espy, who is under investigation for accepting gifts from people or companies that do husiness with his department, resigned

Monday. The former Mississippi congressman was one of four blacks in the Clinton cahinet.

"I must personally overcome the challeoge to my good name," Mr. Espy said. "The president deserves to have his agenda go forward with a minimum of distraction."

"Mr. Espy said that he had "failed" himself by oot being as areful as he should have in managing some details of his personal finances. And he apologized to President Bill Clinton for any embarrassment he had caused the administration.

... But he said the allegations that he had improperly billed the government for travel or other expenses were untrue and unfounded." Mr. Espy said he could not comment specifically oo the allegations because of a pending investigation by a court-appointed special prose-

Ruth Harkin, who heads the Overseas Private Investment Council and was a candidate for the post the first time around, resurfaced as a possible replacement as agriculture sec-retary. She is the wife of Senator Tom Harkin, Democrat of Iowa. Mr. Clinton had also looked at Representative Jill L. Long, Democrat of Indiana, and Representative Dan Glickman, Democrat of Kansas. The name of Representative Mike Synar, Democrat of Oklahoma, has been circulated for several top administration posts since he lost his hid for reelection.

Earlier today, Mr. Clinton pointed Mr. Espy out for praise at a trade event.

The White House chief of staff, Leon E. Panetta, said Sunday that Mr. Clintoo thought Mr. Espy did a good joh hut warned that the presi-dent did not want his aides to engage in any cooduct that raises questions about ethical behavior."

An independent counsel is trying to determine whether Mr. Espy violated federal law hy taking gifts from organizations or people doing business the Agriculture Department. Mr. Espy received free tickets, lodging, travel and used government money to lease a

car he kept in Mississippi. Mr. Espy has denied any wrongdoing and repaid more than \$7,600 in expenses. Officials said he was concerned about the bad publicity.

Brazil Hopes Election Will Polish Image

New York Times Service RIO DE JANEIRO --- With a seasoned former finance mina seasoned former finance min-ister leading in all opinion polls, analysts say the Brazilian presi-dential election Monday should strengthen democracy in Latin America and help restore Brazil to its role as the region's economic locomotive.

. Confident of a victory by for-mer Finance Minister Fernando Henrique Cardoso, foreigners bave already invested billions of dollars in the country, pushing the São Paulo stock exchange index up 90 percent in dollar terms this year and mak-ing it the world's fastest grow-

ing exchange.

With the "lost decade" of the 1980s fading into memory, Brazil's economy is growing by 5 percent this year, twice the rate of Mexico's, the region's second

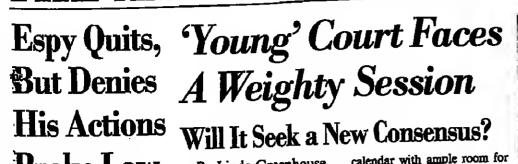
largest economy.

"I would not be surprised if Brazil is starting a decade of 6 to 7 percent annual growth," said Rudiger Dornbusch, an economics professor at the Massachusetts Institute of

The vote Monday will be only the second direct presiden-tial election here since 1960, and is thus seen as strengthen-ing a democracy rattled last year by separatist movements, calls to close Congress and a referendum on restoring the 19th-century monarchy.

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By Linda Greenhouse

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court, its members collectively younger and oewer than justices have been for many years, opened its new term Monday confronted hythe legacy of its recent past.

Issues on which the court has yet to achieve closure or even much coherence are prominent on the docket, including significant challenges to federal affirmative-action programs and to long-running federal court supervision of school districts that

were once segregated. Nearly certain to be added as the term goes on is one or more voting-rights cases questioning the validity of districts drawn to increase minority representa-

tioo in Congress. The court has been closely and bitterly divided on these issues. The oew term will show young, but it is the secondwhether the divisions will persist or whether the court, reshaped by new appointments, is ready to look for a new consen-

Any search for consensus will probably have to proceed without the participation of Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas, who have shown themselves to be well to the

right of the court's center. In a separate opinion on the final day of the last term, for example, they suggested that the Voting Rights Act, as interpreted by Congress and the court for nearly 30 years, was unconstitutional, a view that oo other justice endorsed.

The court's decision last week to add to its docket both the affirmative action case and the latest round of the 17-yearold Kansas City, Missouri, school desegregation case sug-gests an appetite on the part of at least some justices to coofront issues that have lain dor-

calendar with ample room for additional cases.

Since 1988, when Anthony M. Kennedy took his seat, five justices have joined the court. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist remarked on the rapid turnover at a courtroom ceremony Friday for the formal investiture of the newest justice, Stephen G. Breyer.

Noting that only four justices joined the court between 1972, when he took his seat, and 1986, when he became chief justice. Chief Justice Rehnquist, 70, said he was the first chief justice since Harlan Fiske Stone, who served in the 1940s, to also be the longest-serving member of the court

The average age of the justices, who range from the 46-year-old Justice Thomas to 74year-old John Paul Stevens, is 60. That may oot sound notably youngest average this century.

The youngest court, with an average age of 58, was achieved through President Franklin D. Roosevelt's series of appointments in the late 1930s and early 1940s. Before the recent appointments, the average age of

the justices was in the 70s.

Justice Breyer, 56, is in a position to make a fast start. From his more than 13 years as a federal appeals court judge in Boston, he is familiar with most of the issues before the court. Most of the other justices know him and hold him in high regard. And some of the older police officers in the building remember him as Steve Breyer, law clerk to Justice Arthur Goldberg in the 1960s.

Justice Breyer is widely expected to add his voice to argument sessions that, with the arrival last year of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, were already the liveliest in years.

The court has accepted 48 cases for argument and will mant for several years. cases for argument and will on the other hand, the jusprobably add roughly that tices may have been principally oumber to its docket over the motivated by a sparse argument next few months.



GHOSTS FROM THE PAST - A woman painting white shadows in a Mexico City plaza to help serve as reminders of a clash between police and students demonstrating against an authoritarian government on Oct. 2, 1968, in which 49 people were killed.

Mexican Police Say Legislator Ordered Slaying of Governing Party Official

By Anthony DePalma

New York Times Service New York Times Service

MEXICO CITY — A governing party legislator ordered the killing of a powerful official last week to prevent him from pushing forward sweeping political reforms, according to law enforcement officials. The legislator, Manuel Muooz Rocha, is being sought by the police.

Investigators say they also believe that other Investigators say they also believe that other killings may have been planned to block attempts to modernize the Institutional Revolu-

tionary Party, or PRI. The attorney general's office indicated that political revenge may also have played a part in the assassination Wednesday of José Francisco Ruiz Massieu, the secretary-general of the governing party, who was supposed to become leader of the party caucus in the lower house of the legislature in November. He was expected to have played a crucial role in hrokering reforms promised by the presideot-elect, Ernesto Zedillo

Pooce de Leoo. The officials are basing much of their case on the testimony of a man they say is a central member of the conspiracy, Jorge Rodriguez González, 44, who is said to be from Ciudad Victoria in Tamaulipas State.

Mr. Rodriguez González is the hrother of Fernando Rodriguez González, the man identified hy the confessed assassin, Daniel Aguilar Trevino, as having offered about \$15,000 for the murder of Mr. Ruiz Massicu.

Jorge Rodríguez González told the police that the killing was masterminded by Mr. Muñóz Rocha, a conservative governing party legislator from Tamaulipas who has opposed reform of the party. Fernando Rodríguez González is a consultant to the water commission of the lower house of the federal legislature, which is headed by Mr. Muñoz Rocha.

A statement from the attorney general's office quoted Jorge Rodriguez González as saying his brother had said: "There was a list of important persons in Mexico who would have to die because they support a series of reforms to modernize the country politically, which didn't sit well with Congressman Manuel Muñóz Rocha."

Jorge Rodriguez González also told the authorities that Mr. Muñoz Rocha had discussed Mr. Ruiz Massieu's murder with Ahraham Rubio Canales, a jailed governing party official from the state of Guerrero who blamed Mr. Ruiz Massieu for his incarceration in a fraud case.

* POLITICAL NOTES*

Now, He's Hostage to U.S. Bureaucracy

WASHINGTON - A U.S. citizen is laken hostage in the Middle East and held for nearly seven years. After his release. while researching a hook on the experience, he asks his government for its files on his captors.

The government says sure, but there's a catch. He must first get written permission from the terrorists who held himso that their privacy is not invaded.

That's exactly what the Drug Enforcement Administration has told a former hostage, Terry Anderson, that he must do before it will release files under the Freedom of Information Act about 10 men who kept him prisoner or were involved in doing so. Seeking the documents, Mr. Anderson last month filed suit in the District of Columbia against the drug agency and 12 other agencies.

"Before DEA can begin processing your request," the agency, a unit of the Justice Department, told Mr. Anderson in a 1992 letter, "it will be necessary for you to provide either proof of death or an original notarized authorization from that person." The authorization amounts to a privacy waiver.

Without the authorization, wrote John H. Phillips, chief of the agency's Freedom of Information Section, "to coofirm the existence of law enforcement records or information about another persoo is considered an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Mr. Andersoo argues that privacy rights under the Freedom of Information Act do not extend to foreigners living

And Here's My Sister, the First Lady

HOLLYWOOD, Florida - She laughed at his fat jokes. She made some fat jokes of her own. She smiled when he iotroduced her as "the main dish."

Looking pleased. Hugh Rodham campaigned in heavily Democratic Broward County over the weekend with the special out-of-town guest he iotroduced as "the first lady of the United States of America, my sister."

The 44 year-old novice politician described his day on the The 44-year-old novice politician described his day on the trail with Hillary Rodbam Clinton, 46, as "the crowning achievement" of his life. It was certainly the crowning achievement of a quirky primary campaign, run by their younger brother. Tony, which has attracted little money or support from the state or national Democratic Party.

A lawyer in the Miami public defender's office until he decided seven months ago to try his hand at the candidate business, Mr. Rodham is locked in a tight contest for the Democratic nomination with a former radio talk-show host, Mike Wiley, another political oovice. Mr. Wiley won 24 percent of the vote, against Mr. Rodham's 34 percent, in last

month's primary balloting.

The winner of Tuesday's runoff gets to face Florida's popular Republican senator, Connie Mack.

(NYT, WP)

Quote/Unquote

Kelly Myers, director of the University of New Hampshire Survey Center, which has been conducting polls of the Massachusetts Senate race, on Senator Edward M, Kennedy, 62, who is even in the polls in his race for a seventh term against the Republican candidate. Mitt Romney, 47: "Demographics is playing a part in this. He's struggling because a lot of his old core supporters are dying off.

War Crime Suspect Wins a Round

Justices Let Stand Fraud Finding in His U.S. Expulsion

United States.

preme Court dealt a possible Mr. Demjanjuk was a war crimblow Monday to the governblow Monday to the governinal. They have asked a federal
ment's renewed effort to force
judge to reaffirm a separate
John Demianiuk out of the 1981 decision that stripped him
Mr. Days wrote that Mr. Demcountry as a Nazi war criminal.

The court, without comment, let stand a ruling that said Justice Department lawyers committed fraud in winning Mr. Demjanjuk's extradition to Israel in 1986.
The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of

Appeals ruled last November that government lawyers de-frauded the courts by failing to turn over evidence in the retired Cleveland autoworker's favor.

Mr. Demjanjuk was convict-ed and sentenced to death in Israel in 1988 for being "Ivan the Terrible," a Nazi guard who tortured and killed Jews at the Treblinka death camp in Poland during World War II.

But Israel's Supreme Court overturned his conviction last

year as a case of mistaken identity. Mr. Demjanjuk was allowed to return to the United States in September 1993.

WASHINGTON — The Susaid they remain convinced that government's efforts to expelement Court dealt a possible Mr. Demjanjuk was a war crim-Mr. Demjanjuk from the Unitof his U.S. citizenship on the grounds that he lied about his past when emigrating to the

> The appellate court said gov-ernment lawyers should have disclosed statements from two Treblinka guards who identified another man as Ivan the Terrible. The government also should have disclosed conflicting statements from another guard and a list of Trehlinka guards that did not include Mr. Demjanjuk's name, the court

Justice Department lawyers contended that the lawyers acted in good faith, and therefore the appellate court lacked the

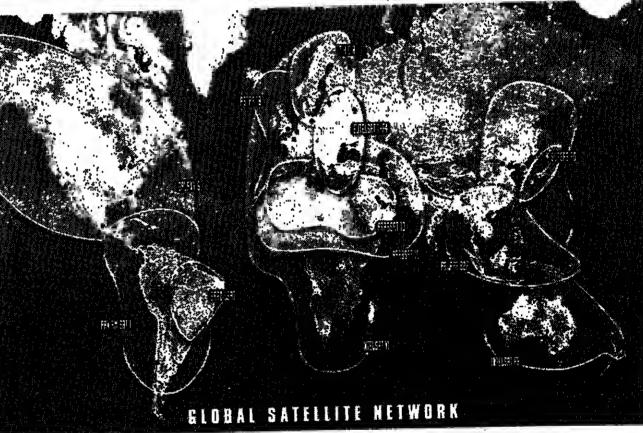
authority to reopen the case. Solicitor General Drew S. Days III told the Supreme Court that the Court of Appeals decision, if left undisturbed,

Government officials have would very likely hinder the

janjuk's "service as ao SS guard" and "his false statements coocealing that service at the time he entered" the United States, rendered him subject to denaturalization even if he was oot Ivan the Terrible.

The Supreme Court's move "has no bearing oo whether he has a right to be in the United States under the law that excludes individuals who took part in Nazi persecution during World War II," Mr. Stern said. Mr. Demjanjuk has denied

all war crimes allegations. His lawyer urged the Su-preme Court to turn down the government appeal, saying that the appellate court's "decision does nothing more than put the government oo notice that in these cases the court will not countenance a reckless disre-



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Away From Politics

 The judge in the O.J. Simpson trial formally proposed banning television cameras from the courtroom, and scheduled a Nov. 7 hearing on the matter. Separately, 61 percent of lawyers think that Mr. Simpson will not be convicted in his trial, the National Law Journal reported. Mr. Simpson is being tried in the deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman.

 Two Canadian tourists were jumped and beaten in Clearwater, Florida, after leaving a nightclub, and authorities had no motive. One of the visitors, Serge LaRoche, 34, said, "Maybe they were attacking us because we were speaking French." His companion, Harold Sergerie, 28, was in critical condition; Mr. LaRoche was treated and released.

 More than one in four pregnancies ends in abortion in Canada as more and more women turn to private abortion clinics, the govern-ment said. Canadian women had 100,497 abortions in 1992, up nearly 6 percent from a year earlier, giving the country about 25.2 abortions for each 100 live hirths.

 Maine has suspended a tough new program of automobile-emission testing. Only two months after the program had begun, Maine decided in the face of citizen fury to drop it while efforts were made to work out the kinks. • The Costa Rican foreign minister, Fernando Naranjo, was robbed of more than \$800 cash outside the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the

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LONDON - Researchers said Monday that they had conclusive evidence that an experimental AIDS treatment using plasma transfusions delays the onset of the disease in HIV-positive patients and prolongs the lives of AIDS sufferers.

Dr. Abraham Karpas, of the department of hematology at Cambridge University, said, however, that although Passive Immune Therapy, or PIT, was a "break-through" in treating AIDS and had no known side effects, it should not be described as a cure.

"It is definitely not a cure," Dr. Karpas said in a presentation to a London conference. "There is no cure in sight, but it looks as if it is the best form of treatment."

Dr. Karpas said U.S. and French studies on the therapy released at the conference confirmed his original research.

"Their double-blind, placebo-controlled studies showed that this treatment benefits AIDS patients and prolonged their survival. AIDS patients and prolonged their surviv-

New Therapy Said to Delay AIDS Onset

Paris hospitals, also showed that PIT helped to delay the onset of full-blown AIDS, or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, in people who tested positive for HIV, the virus that causes the deadly

Under PIT, patients receive a monthly transfusion of half a liter (one pint) of plasma taken from healthy, HIV-positive individuals. The blood has the red and white cells removed and is free of the human immunodeficiency virus, but has high levels of neutralizing antibodies that

al," he said in a telephone interview.

He said the studies, conducted by the Hemacare Corp. of California and two years. It found that in the first 12 months, the mortality rate was greatly reduced in the group that received the plasma transfusion, while those in the control group, where no treatment was given, had a death rate of five times higher.

The treated group had one death in 21 people, while the placebo group had six deaths in 30.

Moreover, the number of AIDS-linked infections was far lower in the treated group, and the blood donors themselves also appeared to benefit. The researchers said donating blood appeared to stimulate the production of neutralizing antibodies Dr. Karpas said he discovered in 1985 in the blood of HIV-positive patients.

Just a Few UN Convoys Are Rolling Again in Bosnia

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Some United Nations convoys blocked by Bosnian Serbs in retaliation for a NATO air strike progressed Monday, hut the main civilian aid effort remained at a standstill.

UN peacekeepers said the Serbs gave permission for seven UN military supply convoys to cross their checkpoints.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees sent two relief convoys from Belgrade to the Bosnian border to try to reach the Muslim enclave of Gorazde in eastern

freedom of movement in Serbheld territory will come Tues-day, when peacekeepers and the refugees agency plan to have 29 convoys on the road.

Sarajevo's airport, gateway to three-quarters of the relief on which the Bosnian capital depends, was shut for an eighth day, as UN negotiators met the armed forces of the Bosnian Serbs to seek guarantees that aid planes could fly safely.

The Bosnian Serbs' leader, Radovan Karadzic, had agreed to let convoy operations resume Sunday, hut word of the agree-

The U.S. defense secretary, William J. Perry, said Monday that he expected NATO to make more vigorous use of air

power against Bosnian Serbs. But the senior UN official in the former Yugoslavia, Yasushi Akashi, appeared to stick to his more cautious approach to the use of air strikes against the

Mr. Perry met Mr. Akashi, together with top NATO and UN military commanders, amid a rift over how to use alliance air power to hring the Bosnian Serbs into line.

Asked by reporters whether peacekeeping troops.

Such problems did not help an

The main test of the UN's ment apparently did not reach tougher air strikes could now he eedom of movement in Serb-the checkpoints. expected. Mr. Perry said: "f expected, Mr. Perry said: "f think we are going to see a judi-cious use of air power, which I beheve will be more rohust, will be more effective.

Mr. Akashi, asked the same question, replied: "f cannot comment on that."

He added: "We have agreed on close cooperation to make sure that there will be judicious use of air power."

The UN has been unwilling to call in anything more than token air strikes because of the risk of reprisals by Bosnian Serbs against its lightly armed

SPICE: Poisoned Paprika Leaves a Bitter Aftertaste in the New Hungary

Ottoman Empire, Native to Central America, paprika, like tomatoes and corn, were transported to Europe by sailors. Hungarian books devoted to paprika research say the seeds crossed the Atlantic aboard Christopher Columbus's ships. The spice then traveled to the Ottoman Empire and the great trading city of Istanbul, where it quickly became a popular substitute for more expensive

After they invaded Hungary in 1526, the Turks grew the plant here hat, in order to preserve a lucrative monopoly, hanned Hungarian peasants from cultivating it. By the late 17th century, the Turks had been driven out and Hungarians were growing it themselves. Hungarian cookbooks first

mentioned the spice's impor-tance to everyday life in the 19th century. Hungary currently produces about 6 percent of the world's supply of paprika, varying its flavors from fireball pungent to sugary sweet.

According to Hungarian politicians, it was the somewhat disorderly breakup of another monopoly that led to the recent paprika crisis.

Before 1989, two state-owned mills dominated the paprika market in Hungary. But with the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe, a widespread liberalization occurred in food processing. Within two years, 70 mills, all of them private, were grinding the product.

The economic and political changes throughout the former that poisons do not find their Warsaw Pact countries were ac-companied by an almost com-Kmetty, president of the Buda-

plete breakdown in government quality controls. Scandals involving fake vodka in Poland, bad cigarettes in Bulgaria and bogus coffee beans in Czechoslovakia were commonplace.

agricultural sector already reeling from the changes, 'It really was a childish type of liberalization," said Pal Juhasz, a former foe of Communist rule and now a member of Parliament who represents the paprika-producing region of

Basc. "Everybody was given a license to produce anything, and quality control went out the window. Now, there is hope the government will step in and reinsti-tute stricter methods to ensure

pest Chamber of Entrepreneurs and Traders.

Mr. Kmetty, 48, a grizzled businessman, runs a stand in Budapest's newly renovated main market, an awe-inspiring example of late Austro-Hungarian Empire architecture in the heart of this beautiful city.

"ft's obvious the government is just pumping up this crisis as a way to reassert some control over the market," Mr. Kmetty said as bousewives picked over his formidable stocks of fruit and garlic. "Nobody pays taxes here. Nobody pays lines. This is the only way they can get peo-ple to realize this kind of thing is important."

Asked about his own paprika stocks, Mr. Kmetty smiled. "I've got a good source," he whispered.



Prince Hassan addressing reporters Monday as Mr. Clinton and Mr. Peres listened.

Rabin Wins Lawmakers' Support For Peace Initiatives With Syria

By Caryle Murphy

Washington Post Service
JERUSALEM — After weeks of turmoil in Israel's governing coalition, Prime Minister Yitzak Rabin won parliamentary approval Monday for his foreign policies, which he said would include a request for U.S. troops to

monitor any peace treaty signed with Syria. In an impassioned defense before the open-ing session of Israel's Knesset, Mr. Rabin also noted Syrian "willingness to be a partner in the effort for peace" and predicted an Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty would be signed hy the end of this year.

The 53-to-41 vote gives the prime minister a stronger political hand to press negotiations on a treaty with Syria, which will entail an fsraeli withdrawal, in stages, from the occupied Golan Heights.

The vote was also a welcome respite for Mr. Rabin, who in recent weeks has had to contend with a rebellion within his Labor Party, an emotional 19-day hunger strike hy fsraeli settlers on the Golan and attacks from the rightist Likud party. All were set off hy Mr. Rahin's reported readiness to withdraw from

the Golan in order to secure peace with Syria.

Mr. Rahin noted that his policies had brought Israel historic agreements with the Palestinians and Jordanians; relations with Morocco and Tunisia; a move by Saudi Ara- tween these two ancient lands."

bia and five other Gulf states to drop the secondary boycott of companies doing business with the Jewish state, and a string of first-ever visitors, including one starting t Tuesday by China's deputy prime minister. "In recent weeks, we have discerned indica-

"In recent weeks, we have discerned indications of Syria's willingness to be a partner in the effort for peace," he said, adding, "We have no intention of ignoring these signs."

Addressing the 13,000 settlers on the Golan, Mr. Rabin said that his supreme obligation as prime minister was to examine every possibility for peace. He said: "f would like to ask you, my friends on the Golan Heights, What must we do? Not try? Not make an effort to reach peace? Reject out of hand the possibility of putting an end to all the wars?" possibility of putting an end to all the wars?"

In another positive development Monday, leaders of Jordan and Israel met with President Bill Clinton in Washington to report progress on planning several joint economic projects, and U.S. officials said that the two former enemy states hoped to achieve a comprehensive peace treaty hy the end of the year.

Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Israel con-ferred with Mr. Clinton for an hour at the White House. The three emerged to describe a series of joint economic, environmental and tourism ventures that the president called "the huilding blocks of a modern peace be-

UN Agency Says India Is Gaining On Plague

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispetch NEW DELHI -- India has now established a well-organized campaign against its plague outbreak, and the probiem could be over in days, the World Health Organization said Monday.

"By Thursday or Friday we will know for sure if the outbreak has been contained or not," said a spokesman for the UN agency, Jitendra Tuli, adding that most of the signs were

"Up to the last few days it was a fire-fighting operation," he said. "Now the Indian government has got down to a sys-

tematic campaign."

Despite the optimism, some foreign airlines and govern-ments continued Monday to impose restrictions on travelers

to and from India. Indian officials said that as of Monday morning, the total number of people entering hospitals complaining of possible plague symptoms was 4,200. They said 149 sought treatment overnight Sunday.

The outbreak began Sept. 20.
The number of confirmed plague cases was not immediately available, but officials said about 90 percent of the suspected cases tested in Delhi

were negative. "We are now on our way to recovery," said Health Secre-tary M.S. Dayal.

No confirmed victim of pneumonic plague died over the past 24 hours, and the nation-wide death toll was imchanged at 51, with all but two of the deaths in or near the western city of Surat, where the outhreak erupted on Sept. 20.

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That Airways International said Monday that it would not accept travelers from New Delhi "until the plague situation is under control," hut would ac-cept passengers at Calcutta who pass health screening. The Dutch airline KLM said

Monday that it had introduced oew safeguards against plague on its flights from India and would begin disinfectiog all air cargo. The airline earlier had said it would deny boarding to In Tallinn, Estline officials passengers showing plague rejected suggestions made by symptoms. Swedish unions and in the

Six international carriers from the Middle East, including airlines in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, had earlier canceled flights to and from India. Qatar sent an airliner to help evacuate hundreds of its oationals from

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HAITI: Closing Down a Militia

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Berman, managing director of

Nordstrom & Thulin AB, told

"And then we give it good service and things like this hap-pen. It's terrible."

Swedish maritime inspectors have said the Estonia disaster

might have been averted if the

Reuters.

Continued from Page 1 police functions. But members of the Front in the huildings Monday apparently called their police allies for help when U.S. troops rolled up. A white douhle cabin pickup truck of armed Haitian policemen appeared on the scene brandishing automatic weapons. American troops with their M-16s at the ready surrounded the vehicle.

After a brief staring match, the U.S. troops took the Haitians out of the pickup truck, confiscated their weapons. handcuffed them, gagged them with tape and placed them in the back of a large American truck. The policemen then had the handcuffs and gags removed, were driven away and released. U.S. officials said the policemen had been taken away because the crowd was ready to

When the crowd lost its fear that the paramilitary group might somehow respond, it poured into the streets, forming lines of dancers that sang pro-Aristide and pro-American slo-

Men and women, old and young, approached the American military vehicles to touch the tanks or shake the hands of the smiling troops.

We are free, liberty, liberty," yelled one woman who tried to kiss every American she

The Front, formed in August 1993 to oppose the return of

for the spate of violence against Aristide supporters since U.S. troops began occupying this im-poverished nation two weeks

FERRY: Cargo Door Broke Loose, Videotapes Show

cidents with the bow doors. Mr.

Wedin, the Swedish inspector,

said the cracks in the Lion

"We think that given the kind

of crack it is, it should have

ago.
The takeover of the Front's headquarters came a day after U.S. troops arrested four top leaders of other paramilitary

Lieutenant General Henry
H. Shelton, commander of U.S. India, with close to 3,000 patroops here, said Monday that those arrested were being held in Haiti by U.S. troops and would be turned over to the than what caused the outbreak sumed control of the nation. He government and the lessons for said Mr. Halloum and others who hold U.S. citizenship could

On all these issues it is Surat be turned over to the U.S. Justhat is at the core. tice Department.

in an exchange of gunfire with unidentified Haitians in the first American combat casualty here since U.S. troops arrived.

General Shelton said the soldier, whose name was not given pending notification of family members, was hit in the abdo-Father Aristide, is accused by men and was in stable condihuman-right groups of killing tion. He said it appeared the hundreds of Aristide supporters American soldier had wounded in the past year, ft is believed by or killed his assailants in the U.S. officials to be responsible gunfight.

wrote to Mr. Adams on Sunday

saying that the State Depart-

ment meeting would be "the be-

ginning of a process of engage-ment with Sinn Fein that would

Northern freland toward

ULSTER: U.S. Switches Policy

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promise on the meeting schedule: Mr. Adams is not welcome at the White House, but he will meet at the State Department with a U.S. team headed by John Kornhlum, senior deputy assistant secretary of state for European affairs.

Also in the meeting will be adviser, Leon S. Fuerth, and the ton can be helpful in the various badly polluted. At least a half-National Security Council staff

National Security Council staff

political forums and dialogues million people lack toilets.

The White House released

British and Irish povernments

was no garbage removal.

Such conditions points.

the text of a letter that Mr. Lake and the Ulster factions.

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Prince, for example, must have Swedish press that the Estonian been apparent for some time.

been discovered in previous in-spections, because it did not crew were "of no less quality"

happen in one night," he said in than any other in the Baltic Sea.

fever and chest pains, and died before noon on Friday. On her death certificate, officials at the Maskati Charitable Hospital wrote amhiguously: Fever (un-

confirmed). leaders of other paramilitary groups that have terrorized the civilian population. Among those arrested was Roméo Halloum, chief adviser and head of outbreak to strike anywhere in security for the army com- decades. The official death toll mander, Lieutenant General is 51, with nearly 800 others Raoul Cedras. Mr. Halloum's under treatment or hunted hy group was known as the "Nin- the police after fleeing isolation jas" because members dressed wards. But unofficial accounts all in black, keeping their faces suggest that the real number may be several times higher.

A board member, Sten Cris-

would be turned over to the than what caused the outbreak, Aristide government once it re- how it bas been handled by the

Located a short distance up General Shelton said one the Tapti River from the Arabi-American soldier was wounded an Sea, Surat became India's in an exchange of gunfire with first major gateway for Europe-unidentified Haitians in the southern town of Les Cayes at traders in the 17th century. For at least 250 years, the city midnight Sunday. It was the remained a more important center than Bombay, 260 kilometers (160 miles) south, which eventually eclipsed Surat in the 19th century as India's commercial hub.

In the last 20 years, as a boom in small textile plants and diamond-cutting workshops has drawn hundreds of thousands of migrants, more than men died, while doctors were doubling the city's population, to 2 million, Surat bas begun to regain its importance. It is now the 12th-largest city in India.

But it has also become a metphor for India's nrban ills. Half the population lives in housing that consists of little more than concrete shells, or in squalid hovels made of wood, plastic sheeting and oil drums increase as events progressed in beaten flat.

In the shantytowns, there are no sewers and no running wa-The topics the Clinton ad- ter. Most slum-dwellers take ministration wants to discuss, their water from the river or Mr. Gore's national security he said, include how Washing- from community taps that are

PLAGUE: Modern City and Old Ill ens of other cities in India. But

there may be nowhere quite as had as Surat.

Last month, 80 days of monsoon rain caused the Tapti to overflow. When the waters re-ceded, they left a sea of mud and dead animals and refuse that remained uncleared.
On Sept. 18, nine days after the floodwaters began to re-

cede, the first two victims of the plague were brought to the New Civil Hospital By then, newspapers were re-porting a hubonic plague out-break 500 kilometers away in

Maharashtra state, in an area devastated by an earthquake in October 1993. Bubonic plague, transmitted from rats to humans by fleas, is a less contagious form of the

Medical textbooks say that the less common but more deadly form of the disease, pneumonic plague, generally develops from bubonic plague. The theory among doctors in Surat is that a migrant worker may bave brought the disease here from Maharashtra in early

September. At the hospital, the first two. victims were examined by a team led by Dr. Dinesh Shah, 50, an epidemiologist who became the hospital's medical superintendent in August.

Dr. Shah said the men's symptoms — a slight fever. pains in the chest, coughing up sputum, bleeding from the nose and mouth - were first diagnosed as bronchial pneumonia. Then, on Sept. 20, barely 24 hours after admission, the two

still puzzling over the diagnosis.

Some Indian medical experts have criticized the doctors in Surat for not immediately making the link to the bubonic plague outbreak in Maharashtra, an oversight that delayed the establishment of isolation wards for at least two days.

But Dr. Shah said doctors anywhere in the world would, have been puzzled. "Who could have expected plague, after 40' years of no cases?" he asked.

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Japanese soldiers taking up their Rwandan relief duties in Goma, Zaire, on Monday.

UN Transfers Aide Who Defended Tutsi

The Associated Press

KIGALI, Rwanda - The United Nations dismissed its military spokesman Monday amid controversy over alleged reprisal kill-ings by troops of the new Rwandan govern-

Major Jean-Guy Plante of Canada will head a military police detachment in Kigali effective immediately, said the executive di-rector of the UN mission in Rwanda, Abdul Kabia.

"There is a change in emphasis," Mr. Kabia said at a news conference, adding: "We are emphasizing humanitarian and support services we are giving to the country.

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Last week, Major Plante defended the Tutsi-led Rwanda Patriotic Front after it was accused of systematic revenge killings against the majority Hutu ethnic group. He said UN troops bad found no evidence of new killings

Major Plante said the allegations, mostly by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, were part of a plot to discredit the United Nations and the new government installed by the Tutsi rebels in July.

Last week, the UN secretary-general, Butros Butros-Gbali, ordered UN officials to keep silent about the alleged vengeance killings pending an investigation of allegations by the refugee agency.

U.S. Drafts a Big Military Thaw With China

International Herald Tribune

SINGAPORE - The commander of American forces in the Pacific says the United States plans to intensify military contacts with China, in-cluding the holding of joint exercises, as part of a strategy to gain Chinese support for new security arrangements in the Asia-Pacific region.

Such a move would mark a major thaw in military ties between the United States and China, which were frozen by Washington in 1989 after Beijing called in the army to crush large-scale pro-democracy pro-

In an interview Monday in the Straits Times newspaper here, Admiral Ricbard C. Maeke, commander of U.S. forces in the Pacific, said America wanted to "move forward" in its military relationship with China toward visits by each other's warships, exchanges of armed forces personnel and small-scale exercises.

The U.S. plan to re-establish

Nuclear Experts Meet on Korean Technical Issues

GENEVA - North Korean and U.S. negotiators resumed their talks to ease nuclear tensions Monday, as Pyongyang issued a new warning against attempts to pressure it to make

A U.S. official declined to give any details on the lowerlevel session, which was held at the U.S. Mission to the European headquarters of the United

Nations. With the chief negotiators' taking a break until Wednesday, experts from each side met for nearly three hours Monday to discuss technical issues.

After a week of the current round, U.S. officials said last Friday that the talks were stalemated over all key issues, including U.S. efforts to learn of past activity at North Korea's nuclear center and to safeguard spent fuel.

An official North Korean newspaper, Rodong Sinmun. said "disbonest quarters" of the International Atomic Energy Agency were joining forces with hard-line U.S. conservatives to use "diplomatic pressure" backed by "gunboat diplomacy" to pressure Pyongyang.

with the Chinese armed forces is expected to be widely welcomed by other Asia-Pacific nations that favor a policy of "engaging" China in the widest possible range of mutually beneficial exchanges, starting with trade and investment and ex-

tending to cooperative security

arrangements. Officials from those countries maintain that if China bas a strong vested interest in the region's economic prosperity and is given the opportunity to help shape a new security framework, it will opt to main-tain peace and stability instead of using force to pursue territo-rial claims in such areas as the South China See and Taiwan South China Sea and Taiwan.

"Inescapably," Prime Minis-ter Paul Keating of Australia said recently, "the extent and nature of China's engagement with the rest of Asia will be a key determinant of regional se-

na's increasingly active participation in Asia-Pacific security exchanges provided "another important way for China to reassure the region about its poli-More than ever, he said, the

a balance of power held by others.
"In meeting this challenge," he said, "countries in the region, including Australia, have region,

future of the region's security

lies in its own hands and not in

security has to be found with min, is expected to reiterate this to maintain stability." their neigbbors, rather than against them.'

In July, China joined the United States, Japan, Russia and other Asia-Pacific countries in Bangkok for the first formal discussion at ministerial

'Inescapably, the extent and nature of China's engagement with

will be a key determinant of regional security.' Prime Minister Paul

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the rest of Asia

Mr. Keating said that Chi-level of regional security prob-

The high-level meeting will reconvene each year, with foreign ministry and defense officials from member countries holding more frequent discussions on ways of defusing po-

tential conflicts. China has been making strenuous efforts to reassure Southeast Asia that it will not use its growing economic and military strength to threaten the

stance next month when be vis-

its Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Kuala Lumpur that Beijing had committed itself not to use force in pursuing its claim to sovereignty over a vast area of

the disputed Spratly Islands. Vietnam, Taiwan, Malaysia, the Philippines and Brunei also claim all or some of the islands and the surrounding seabed. which is thought to contain extensive oil and gas reserves.

the South China Sea, including

Japan has a strong interest in the South China Sea because most of its oil and much of its trade passes through it.

China and Vietnam fought a brief naval battle over some of the Sprailys in 1988; all the claimant countries, except Brunei, have put troops on the islands they control.

Malaysia and China agreed last month to appoint defense attaches to each other's capitals to improve cooperation.

Admiral Macke said that countries in Southeast Asia and the Asia-Pacific area were "reaching out to China in a cooperative fashion to try and have Beijing as a stabilizing member" of the regional community.

"influence China, to reassure Spain, officials said Monday.

China's president, Jiang Ze- China, so they will work with us

The formal resumption of U.S. military ties with China began in November with a visit In May, the Chinese defense to Beijing by Charles W. Free-minister, Chi Haotian, said in man, a U.S. assistant secretary

of defense. He said at the time that a renewed program of military contacts "can contribute both to improving hilateral relations and achieving peace and stability in a number of troubled ar-

eas in the world." Admiral Charles Larson, the former commander of U.S. forces in the Pacific, became the highest-ranking American offi-cer to visit China since the 1989 crackdown when he went there

in July. In August, General Xu Huizi, deputy chief of the Chinese armed forces general staff, went to Washington for talks and also visited U.S. Pacific command headquarters in Hawaii.

The U.S. secretary of defense, William J. Perry, is expected in China later this

Bull Kills Woman at Home

VIVER, Spain - An 82year-old woman playing cards in her home was gored to death by a fighting bull, which had escaped from a bullring during He said that the key was to a fiesta in this town in eastern

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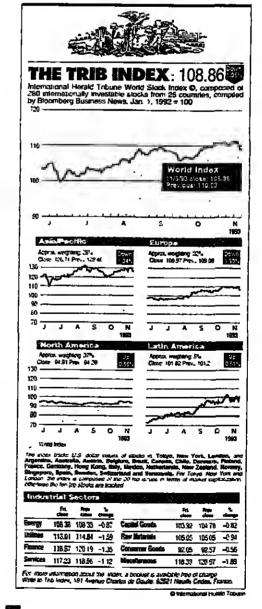


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Breaking a Vow on Bosnia

The UN Security Council's latest maneuverings over the Bosnian arms embargo appear technical and arcane. But future historians may eite this as the moment the Clinton administration finally vielded to Europe's cynical policy of keeping Bosnia defenseless, forcing it to submit first to "ethnie cleansing." then territorial partition and finally to North Atlantic Treaty Organization peacekeepers enforcing a surly peace.

Washington's own policy, though never pretty and never pressed aggressively enough, was far better than this, and more sensibly prudent than many of its critics allowed. It consisted of fending off the worst European arm-twisting while pressing Europe to agree to lifting the arms embargo so that Bosnia could at least try to defend itself.

On Thursday, however, the last shreds of a separate U.S. policy vanished when the administration walked away from President Bill Clinton's written pledge to Congress to seek a Security Council vote to lift the arms embargo by Oct. 15. The excuse is that Bosnia's government is now willing to delay lifting the embargo until spring, provided the Security Council takes binding action on it now. Why then is Washington not pressing

The administration knows that Bosnia agreed to a delay only under intense European pressure. It also knows Bosnia bopes to win European acceptance of lifting the embargo in return. Yet the United States has made no serious effort to rally European support.

Surely Washington still has some influence with London, Paris and Moscow on issues it really cares about. The administration did not even use its reluctant vote for Europe's main Security Council goal, relief of sanctions on Serbia, to win European votes for ending the embargo.

The result will be more Serbian military pressure on Bosnia, diminished prospects that the Bosnian Serbs will aecept the big-power peace plan, and a larger risk that U.S. troops will ultimately be sent on Bosnian peacekeeping duty. Congress, which adjourns this week.

cannot do much now about Mr Clinton's broken pledge. But when it returns m January, it could cut off funds for U.S. enforcement of the arms embargo.

That is a crude tactic that will huri U.S.

efforts to get other UN emhargoes enforced. But given the administration's demonstrated inahility to stand up to Europe on this issue, it would be justified. ... THE NEW YORK TIMES

Saddam, Weaker but Still Vicious, Deserves No UN Mercy

WASHINGTON -- As the unreator unlones two Koranic verses -- "The thieves, cut off their hands for their ili gains and as punishment from God who is great and wise," and, There is life for you in punishment. O you who can reason. that you may follow the right path — the camera focuses on a severed hand placed

on a torn green jacket.
On June 4, the Iraqi regime introduced the Islande punishment for their, ampu-tation of the right band, while decreeing that repeat offenders should lose a foot. Three months later, the hand of a thief. along with the man himself, were shown on Iraqi television.

Saddam Hussem has launched a new reign of terror intended to shore up his weakening grip on power Although Islamic law does have provisions for cutting of the nano of a thief and the nead of a murderer, many punishments being meted out have nothing to do with Islam. They are simply cruei and bizarre.

The regime has necroed that dealing illegally in foreign currency and forging official documents are punishable by amputation of the hand. On Aug. 18, it announced that those whose nands are cut off should have an X tattooed between their eyes, atthough Islam forbids such mutilation. Saddam has personally signed all the amputation decrees.

But the decree that has had the broadest impact is the Aug. 25 announcement By Laurie Mylroie

that aimy deserters, or anyone sheltering them, will kee an ear and be branded. A second offense means losing the other ear a third offense means death. (In a stunning boar of hypoerisy, the regime also began selling exemptions from military service for around \$1.000.)

Military officers who have defeated to the opposition say that ear amputations are being performed at army checkpoints, where the ears are thrown into huckets, and that the punishment has been carried out on several thousand people.

There are tens of thousands of army deserters in iraq, and the new punishments have precipitated open opposition. in the northern, predominantly Sunni, city of Mosul there were street demonstrations last month. In the southern Shiite city of An Nasiriya, the Arab tribe of a mutilated man took revenge by attacking the local headquarters of the govern-ing Ba'ath Party and cutting off the ears of the officials present.

The economic situation in Iraq is bad and getting worse. Last week, the gov-ernment drastically reduced the rations it provides at subsidized prices. The market price of most stapte foods quickly doubled. This hardship, combined with the parsh new punishments, has produced tray's greatest political fissure since the 1991 post-Gulf War uprisings. Many army deserters and other opponents of the regime have headed north to kurdish-controlled territory. This has become the staging area for an umbrella organization called the Iraqi National Congress, which orchestrates most of the

internal opposition to Saddam. Since early last month, the Iraqi National Congress has been receiving more than 100 Iraqis a week fleeing his control. Until recently, most were men who came to join the fight against Saddam, leaving their wives and children with relatives. Now army deserters predominate and those that have families try to bring them.

The regime is clearly teetering. The key is the UN sanctions, which are undermining Seddam's control. Vet several coun-

ing Saddam's control. Yet several countries, especially France and Russia. are pressing the UN to lift the sanctions be-

cause they are eager to resume trade.

Lifting the sanctions would be foolish. Given Saddam's determination to hold on to as much of Iraq's nuclear, chemical and biological weapons program as possible, it will be impossible to control him once Baghdad is allowed to sell oil. Even the chief of the UN weapons inspection team, Rolf Ekeus, has publicly voiced his doubts about Iraq's intentions.

UN Resolution 687, which established the sanctions, was very much an American document, and reflects the flaws of U.S. policy at the end of the Gulf War. It links

the ban on exports solely to the destruction of Iraq's weapons of mass destruc-tion. Thus Iraq could invade Kuwaii again, but according to Resolution 687. that would not affect its ability to export oil. The resolution also reflects the Bush administration's indifference to what governments did to their own people. The sanctions are in no way connected to Saddam's persecution of his people.

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Now that the Security Council is moving to establish tribunals to investigate human rights violations in Bosnia and Rwanda, why not investigate Iraq? in April 1991, as Baghdad crushed the postwar uprisings, the Security Council passed a resolution demanding that Iraq stop repressing its population. The European Community called for war crimes trials. But the Bush administration, hoping that those around Saddam would overthrow him, foolishly opposed the measure

Rather than debating whether to lift sanctions, the Security Council should be addressing Baghdad's human rights violations, including the campaign to chop off body parts. Failure to do so will only give the appearance that the UN has different rules for countries without oil and those with lots of it.

The writer is a research associate with the Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia. She contributed this comment to The New York Times.

Research the Ethics First

The panel of 19 experts charged by the National Institutes of Health to advise the U.S. government on human embryo research made a conscientious effort to answer a question fraught with difficulties both moral and scientific: Should the government fund research that involves creating, then destroying, human embryos for research purposes alone? But its conclusion - that, under certain strict guidelines, the government should -is in our view flat wrong. The ereation of human embryos specifically for research that will destroy them is unconscionable. The government has no business funding it.

Viewed from one angle, this issue can be made to yield endless complexities: What about the suffering of individuals and infertile couples who might be helped by embryo research? What makes this different from the use of "extra" embryos left over from couples' fertility workups? What about the need to police this research where it is already being done? What is the status of the brandnew embryo? And a simpler question: Is there a line that should not be crossed even for scientific or other gain, and if so where is it?

Some believe - we do not - that the line should be drawn before contraception, which prevents a possible conception; or abortion, which destroys an unintended conception; or research on fetal tissue resulting from abortions. Opponents of abortion have so far been cited as the main opposition to the embryo recommendations, and they have pledged to ask Congress to block the recommendations by ruling on when life begins.

But it is not necessary to be against abortion rights, or to believe human life literally begins at conception, to be deeply alarmed by the notion of scientists' purposely causing conceptions in a context divorced from even the poten-

Historians, writers and ordinary

American citizens won a victory for the

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important battles. The county's planning

board had agreed to the necessary rezon-

ing for the project, and the regional trans-

portation panel had approved \$130 mil-

outrage generated by the proposed pro-

ject would mar Disney's image. It was a

wise decision, but a tardy one, given the

Power struggles at the top of the compa-

ny have dented its confidence. Euro Dis-

ney, its Paris project, has been a huge

There may have been other factors.

scale and stature of the opposition.

But the company concluded that the

tial of reproduction. One panelist, the Georgetown law professor Patricia King, wrote as much in a partial dissent. saying society has not yet "developed a eonceptual framework to guide us' when "buman life is being created solely

To suggest that support for abortion rights equals support for such experimentation is to huy abortion opponents' view

that permitting abortion means erasing society's ability to make distinctions.

Though the panel of experts said a developing embryo merits "serious moral consideration," they concluded that the moral status of embryos younger than 14 days (when the first "primitive streak" heralds the beginning of the ner yous system) is not equal to that of more-developed embryos or human infants. Some members, it is reported. initially wanted to use three weeks, the point at which brain formation begins -a fair index of the subject's support slope potential.

Much of the report is useful. Embryo research is already a common by product of the burgeoning study and practice of in vitro fertilization and is legal in Canada and elsewhere. It is important to put ethical guidelines in place if the government is to fund anything in this area The panel would prohibit cloning or the use of embryos past 14 days; it restricts embryo creation to "compelling" projects and in cases where grant-seekers ean show (1) that the same questions cannot be answered with existing cipbryos, or (2) that new ones are needed for "scientific validity." It is the second of these categories, not the fust, 10 which Ms. King dissents. But we find both alarming. In approving the funding of the purposeful creation of human entbryos for any experiments the panel took a step too far.

+ THE WASHINGTON POST

miscalculation. The last thing Disney

needed was a bruising and protracted

public relations battle against the na-

Scenario for a Workable Irish Peace

UNDON — Pollucians in Bos-ton and New York, eager to solicit the vote of American Irish Catholics, gave a hero's welcome to the Irisb Republican Army's political spokesman, who recently nelped arrange cessation of ter-

rorist bomb attacks on Britons. This second tour of the United States by Gerry Adams went down badly in the United Kingdom. Most people in Britain do not think anybody deserves liona-zation and a fresh infusion of funds for stopping, or perhaps only suspending a policy of systematic murder and they resent the portrayal of Northern Ireland as a ptace occupied by British soldiers to prevent the inevitable unification of the Irish people

The Brits argue that Gerry Ao-ams, unlike Nelson Mandela. never talks of "one person, one vote" because a million Irish Protestants in Ulster fortu a vast majority that wants to remain part of the United Kingdom.

Unlike Yasser Arafat, the iRA spokesman cannot comprain of no nation for his people because of the existence of the Irish Republic where Catholics form the

great majority.

Nothing would please the English, Scuttish and Welsh more than to be able to withdraw forces from the Irish outpost established in Cromwell's urac. But that would abandon a nullion British subjects to bloody civil war. The IRA has its fieres and murderous counterpart among Irish Protestants.

To pull out peacekeeping troops, as the IRA demands with its "British out," would turn the place into an orange and green Bosnia. A million British ethnic Irish do not want to be nationally "cleansed," and the English cannot in bonor set their nationals adoft. As a result. British subjects in

Northern Ireland have a more secure future in their townships than Israeli citizens do in their settlements in the West Bank or Golari. By William Safire

Most Americans do not get that picture. We tend to think that "the troubles" have gone on too long, that religious wars are out of date, that it might be tidier with all the Irish under one political roof, and that today's terrorists are iomorrow's statesmen so why doesn't London quit quibbling about whether the IRA's "complete cessation" is "periuanent" and get on with negotiating directly with Gerry Adams?

That attitude, whipped up hy ethnic-blocking U.S. politicians, is what drives the British up the wall. London survived the 21-year terrorist blitz without buckling: the IRA bombs made headlines but made no allies or progress. Because the terrorists realized they

were losing their war, and time was against them, they (like the hroke and isolated PLO) were driven to see what a truce could produce. In Landon's view, U.S. pressure on "the trish peace process" would strengthen the Irish Republican Army and endanger the

sort of extended negotiation that hotheads caunot abide. What sort of deal is workable? Most people here in Loudon think that Prime Minister John Majnr's demand that Mr. Adams first pledge eternal peace is only a militant puse to cover up more secret dealings among

Dublin and London. If the IRA "cessauon" holds (allowing for occasional violence by disavowed dichards), the British troops who now do not have permanent barracks and grounds in Ulster could be withdrawn in stages. That would cut the non-Insh Brush military presence in Northern Ireland by balf, a consummation that this genera-non of IRA teaders could never

achieve by terror. As that takes place, the bope is that the border between Northern

ireland and the Irish Republic would become more porous; business investment and tourism, now impeded by violence, would pick up to form binding ties; political power would devolve to localities. Catnotic nationalists could shrug off as vestigial the "techni-cal sovereignty" of the United Kingdom while Protestant unionists could claim their British protection in the event of a power

grab or persecution. That gradual coming together, even if punctuated by outbursts of the old hatred, is the future as plotted by Rosy Scenario. It beats renewed terrorism or civil war.

If Mr. Major can bring it off, be will justify the past generation's steadfastness (and stop Britain's lurch toward Labor as well). Coming negotiations will not be helped if the cheers of U.S. politicians embolden the former terrorists to expect to extract at the peace table what they could not coerce with bombs in department stores,

The New York Times.



Giving Their All for Sarajevo's Children

BOSTON - Dr. Esma Zecevie is chief pediatrician in the children's clinic of the largest hospital still functioning in Sarajevo. Her hospital usually has no electricity or running water, she and her colleagues practice by candle-

light. They eat one meal a day. I heard about Dr. Zecevie from Dr. Jane Green Schaller, a leading Boston pediatrician who has just returned from a visit to Bosnia. We all know about the cruel-

ues of the Scrbian war on Bosnia. But the reality of life there was somehow brought home to me more tellingly as Dr. Schaller spoke about what she saw.

"There was constant gunfire," Dr. Schaller said. "They called it light gunfire, but to me it was By Anthony Lewis

"People go about their business. But when you see them close

up, they are thin. And tattered. 'i stayed with Dr. Zecevic and her family. The first night they gave me dinner, but no one else ate. Breakfast next day was the same. They have roof water they collect it when it rains - but they can't drink it. For drinking

water they go to a tap, which is several kilometers away. And that was before the Serbs cut off the pumped water supply, gas and

electricity."
The children's clinic used to be a large bospital and university teaching facility. On May 25, 1992, Serbian artillery zeroed in on the clinic building. Dr. Zecevie and her staff got the children out just before the building was destroyed. They fled to the basement of a new obstetrical building, the largest in all of former Yugoslavia, where 10,000 babies were delivered a year. Within hours that building, too, was destroyed. Dr. Zecevie and others survived in the basement. But six infants brought from the children's clinic died because

there was no oxygen supply.

Now the children's clinic is in what was built as a nuclear medicine ward of Kosevo Hospital. Half the space is in interior rooms, without light. Doctors and nurses have not been paid for six months. They are survivors," Dr. Schaller "They don't grumble."

Dr. Schaller is director of the Floating Hospital for Children literally on a ship - of the New

England Medical Center. She went to Bosnia with Dr. Maurice Keenan, president-elect of the astonishing. All kinds of guns. American Academy of Pediatries. And people running on the streets to avoid being shot by saipers.

They were invited by Bosnia's pediatricians, who have just formed a pediatric society with Dr. Zece-

vie as president. The contrast between the modern, professional outlook she found and the grim conditions of life moved Dr. Schaller. For example, she said, the doctors she met were tolerant and cosmopolitan in

their religious views. They do not like having their country called 'Muslim.' " she said. They want to be Bosnians, not to live in a one-religion country. The doctors have a great wish to be connected with the world . . . They care about the right things."

But the reality is that 16,700 Bosnian children have been killed since the Serbs started their war. The surviving children tend to be

undernourished and anemie. How can outsiders help? "Stop the strangulation of Sarajevo."
Dr. Schaller said. "The Serbs shouldn't be able to turn off the electricity and water and gas They shouldn't be sitting in the hills shelling and sniping at civilians. There ought to be a road open for relief convoys. Winter is coming. There isn't much food left in Sarajevo."

Two days after Dr. Schaller re-turned to Boston she got a message from Dr. Zecevic. "Unfortunately." it said, "I have been badly wounded." A bullet went through her right lung. To have it removed she probably would have to be evacuated, and that is difficult, "It hurt terribly and it still does," Dr. Zecevic said, "hut f did not cry. Our tears here dried up long ago."

The New York Times.

Gerrymandering and the Black Vote WASHINGTON - Two By William Raspberry nothing in the constitution re-

don's most respected writers and thinkers on the Civil War. Disney did not expect sponsible idea ever hatched in the Magic Kingdom and decided not to huild a such a struggle. theme park near the Manassas Battlefield Governor George Allen was on the company's side and a nundlessly genet-ous Virginia Legislature was willing to pay millinns for development. What they did not reckon with was the pasin Prince William County, Virginia. More than the fate of the battlefields of Manassas, or Bull Run, was involved. "Disney's America" would have flooded one of America's most historic and scesionate nationwide outery that carried a clear message. The Manassas countrynic regions, including the nearby Shen-

Disney's Bull Run Defeat

andoah National Park, with traffic and side is not Virginia's to sell It belongs tacky development. to the nation. In response to the threat to these na-Congress now needs to pass legislation tional treasures, a large, articulate coalidesignating a new kind of preservation tion defeated one of the country's richest area - the National Historic Region that would enable it to control developcorporations and its boosters in the Vir-

ment in areas precious to the nation. Along with proving the power of orga nized, articulate opposition to a bad idea. the intellectuals, environmentalists, preservationists and ordinary citizens who fought the project proved something else.

Michael Eisuer. the chairman of Disney, argued that Americans were ignorant about their history and needed Disney-style fun to teach them. As the historian David McCullough has pointed out, this episode has shown that Americans do know their history and care about ground made sacred by what occurred there.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

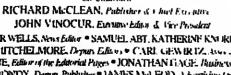


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looking at oddly shaped districts drawn to increase the likelihood of electing black candidates to the U.S. Congress, have reached opposite conclusions. One coun reviewed a North

Carolina districting plan that created two weirdly shaped black-majority districts and found it to be a product of "racial gerrymandering." but not illegal. Another court looked at a Louisiana plan and brandco the "bizarre and irregular shape" of a new black-majority district "racial gerrymander-

ing" — and illegal.

The U.S. Supreme Court almost surely will take up the two cases in the fall term.

What should its ruling be? I have a confession. I don't know what it should be. I don't know what the U.S. Constitution requires. I don't even know what common sense requires.

There is an established view that state legislatures may not draw their district maps in a way calculated to reduce minortty voting strength - for instance by scattering a concen-tration of black voters among several congressional districts.

That seems reasonable. But reduce that voting strength from what? From what it used to be? From what it ought to be? From its mathematical maximum?

These are not silly questions. The two districts (from which the freshmen congressmen Melvin Watts and Cleo Fields were elected) are under challenge because of their peculiar shapes. Mr. Watts's North Carolina district is 160 miles (200 kilometers) from end to end, but at places no wider than the inter-

much of its length. Mr Fields's district cuts a Z across the middle of Louisiana. Both ohviously, were drawn in such a way as to maximize the chances of sending a black person to the House of Representatives. Importantly, neither state

had had a black representative since the days of Reconstruction, just after the Civil War. Are me shapes of the chal-lenged districts so "hizarre" as to be unconstitutional, as Justice Sandra Day O'Connor suggest-

ed? Should the Supreme Court be in the aesthetics husiness? There are those who would argue that the court shouldn't be in the business at all, redistricting being a function of the state legislatures. But once the court finds it unlawful for state legislatures to draw district boundaries for the purpose of reducing black representation, it is in the redistricting business. It is hard to see how it can avoid ruling on the Louisiana and North Carolina

could do so in a way that makes constitutional sense. What surprises me is that I am at a loss as to what outcome

congressional maps -or how it

I would like to see The Congressional Black Caucus now boasts a recordhigh 40 members. I count that a good thing. Drawing more aesthetically pleasing districts might reduce the caucus by a dozen members or more. I don't want that to happen.

But it is conceivable that several states could be redistricted in ways that might add substan-tially to the 40. It would not be a pretty map, and many of the districts might consist of nonstate highway it follows to: contiguous hits and pieces; out quires acamess or contiguousness, as far as i can see. There is another consider-

ation, bowever: To maximize the chances for blacks to elect. members of Congress - by herding them into black-majority districts - is to reduce black influence in all surrounding districts. Indeed, many Republicans are encouraging just such a move, on the ground that purging the greatest number of districts of their black voters most of whom are Democratic will increase the number of districts available for Republican control.

How do you balance between increasing black influence in a number of districts and guaranteeing election of a black candinate from a single district? Is there some optimal balance between expanding the Black Caucus and Balkanizing the electorate? And even if you could reach a political judgment on this issue, how could it translate into a judiciai one? I am ready to take another

look at Lani Guinier, the Pennsylvania law professor, and her cumulative voting" scheme. She would have all congressional candidates run statewide, giving each voter as many votes as there are congressional seats. Voters would be free to cast their votes in any pattern they chose - one each for several candidates or all

for a single candidate. Blacks could pool their voting strength when and where they saw fit, solving the problem of optimizing black influence. And since there would be no more districts, it would save Justice O'Connor from having to wrestle with the question of bow

bizarre is too bizarre. Washington Post Writers Group.

so called because it used to be

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Storm in Venice

VENICE - For three days a tempest has raged in Venice. A curious thing is the perfect regularity of this autumnal tempest. It comes to a day each year, very often, as happened last year, inundating the lower parts of the city and turning the Piazza of St. Mark's temporarily into a lake. On the back of this comes our Indian summer.

1919: Persian Hanged

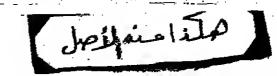
LONDON - The Persian Government, says the "Times" cor-respondent at Teheran, which has recently been showing unusual activity in repressing dis-order, has hanged the famous robber chief. Nayib Hussein. So powerful did he become that in 1912 the Government invited him to assume responsibility for the safety of the roads from Ka-

shan to Kum and Yezd, where no caravan was safe from his depredations. His name, a household word in Persian bomes, was used as a bogy to frighten children.

1944: Warsaw Defeat LONDON - A terse communi-

que from Lieutenant General Tadeusz Komorowski (General Bor) announced today [Oct. 3] that his underground army's resistance in Warsaw had ended after a sixty-three-day struggle, during which thousands of patriots were killed and the city was reduced to a shambles. Moscow newspapers said a Polish officer who escaped reported that thousands of insurgents had crossed the Vistula River to the Russian lines, "There was no longer any resistance in any part of Warsaw," the officer said. "Warsaw is as greatly destroyed as Stalingrad."





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Will a Conservative Tide Lift Maryland's Thatcher?

By George F. Will

BALTIMORE — Maryland Republicans, a reviving but still has the highest percentage of African-Americans lalmost 25 percent Margaret Thatcher. Ellen Sauerbrey, 57, bas an ideological clarity

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So, wby is Ms. Sauerbrey running brey, 57, bas an ideological clarity and pugnacity comparable to that of the prime minister who, it was said, could not see the status quo without hitting it with her handbag.

In last month's gubernatorial primary, Ms. Sauerbrey, minority leader of the state House of Delegates, scored a stunning 52 percent to 38 percent upset over the presumprive nominee, Helen Bentley, a Republi-can congresswoman of the centrist sort that wins, on the relatively rare occasions that Republicans do win, in this, one of the most Democratic states. Ms. Sauerbrey, whose slogans are "This time, try something different" and "Vote yourself a 24 percent tax cut," preaches high-octane conservatism, from more prisons to less welfare.

Experts say this is a recipe for rejection in a state whose last Republican governor, elected 28 years ago, was named Agnew, which has not had a Republican majority in either house of the state legislature since 1919, and now has a legislature with 155 Democrats and 34 Republicans.

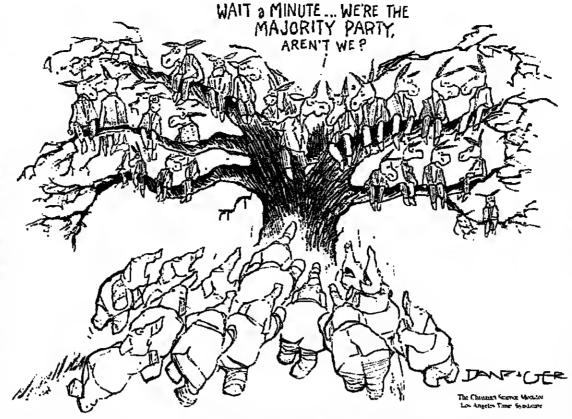
Fifty years ago, half of Marylanders were Baltimoreans; only 20 percent were suburban. Today, 15 percent live in Baltimore, 65 percent in suburbs, most in Baltimore County and two Washington suburban counties: Montgomery, one of the nation's richest counties, and Prince George's, which is half African-American. The two core constituencies of the Democratic Party nationally are African-Americans and government employ-

competitively against Parris Glen-dening, an orthodox, presentable Democrat who is county executive in Prince George's? Perbaps many Democrats like the idea of a handbag applied firmly to Annapolis, where the state government has made Maryland, according to Money magazine, third only to New York and Oregon among high-tax states.

All such ratings are disputable, but Maryland's income tax is 44 percent more burdensome than the average state income tax. Ms. Sauerhrey lives north of Baltimore and says cars stream north into Pennsylvania at the end of the workday because Maryland's income tax is 52 percent higher than Pennsylvania's.

Her promise to cut Maryland's tax 24 percent in four years bas revealed the intellectual exhaustion of Democrats who are reduced to recycling George Bush's rhetoric, accusing Ms. Sauerbrey of "voodoo economics" and saying she couldn't do it. Last week, Ms. Sauerbrey campaigned with a governor who is doing it: New Jersey's Christine Todd Whitman, who in her first year is on schedule to fulfilling ber promise of a 30 percent state income tax cut.

Mrs. Whitman cited New Jersey's experience to refute the contention that state tax cuts necessarily cause increases in local property taxes. Ms. Sauerbrey bopes to get cam-paign appearances from other taxcutting Republican governors; Massachusetts's Bill Weld, Michices. Maryland is a dormitory for gan's John Engler, the former Dela-



ware Governor Pete du Pont. Ms. Sauerbrey would find hudger cutting ensier than they did hecause the hudgeting powers of Mary-land's governor are Caesaristic.

But will her message get a respect-ful hearing, or even be heard? Marylanders who do not read The Baltimore Sun are apt to read The Washington Post, and neither paper is sympathetic to tax cutting. Her opponent, having access to the money machinery perfected during decades of Democratic dominance, is forswearing public financing and

hence can spend without limits. Because of the lateness of the primary and the weakness of the state Republican Party, Ms. Sauerbrey is relying on \$1 million in state financing, and so is forbidden to spend ed from ber \$1 million. So total

more. Mr. Glendening spent about \$3.5 million in the primary, Ms. Sauerbrey just over \$700,000. Furthermore, the Democratic-controlled legislature recently changed from \$10,000 to \$2 million the amount the state parties can spend on behalf of candidates. And the state attorney general, a Democrat, bas just issued a ruling that severely rations political expression on behalf of candidates who accept public financing.

He said that hecause Ms. Sauerbrey is receiving public financing, any sum the Republican Party spends supporting her — even printing sample ballots with her name on them - must be subtract-

spending for her for the entire political season will be well under \$2 million. Spending for Mr. Glendening could exceed \$8 million.

The polling company that showed Ms. Sauerbrey losing to Mrs. Beni-ley by 15 points four days before Ms. Sauerbrey won the primary by 14 points now has her trailing Mr. Glendening, 47 to 40. She is running against so much history and money, it will take a national tidal wave of conservatism to lift ber into office (where her first act should be to smack the attorney general's office with her handhag), Her race bears watching as a lead-

ing indicator of tidal activity. Washington Post Writers Group,

For Banned Books Week, Read These Survival Tips

By Anna Quindlen

Day 1: Read "Bridge to Terebithia" by Katherine Paterson, which parents in several school districts have tried to remove from required reading lists. Weep copiously at realistic tale of friendship and loss among children.

Read account of attempts to have the book removed from school libraries in Mechanicsburg, Pennsyl-

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vania. Clergyman says the book re-fers to church services as "boring."

Shocked and amazed.
Discover that "Terehithia" caused such a stink in Oskaloosa. Kansas, that the school board has required teachers to list each profanity in any book they assign and how many times the profanity is used. Page through book. Find a "damn" and write it down. Feel like a fool. "I hate to say it, but sometimes grown-ups are really

stupid," says oldest child.
Day 2: Read reams of material about the banning of "In the Night Kitchen," fanciful account of dreams of little boy by Maurice Sen-dal. Boy falls out of clothes, is naked, has penis. Penis has been described as "desensitizing children to nudity" (Beloit, Wisconsin), "nudity for no purpose" (Norridge, Illinois) and "the foundation for future use of pornography" (Elk River, Minne-sota). In Missouri, copies of book were distributed to kindergarten class after artist was commissioned to draw shorts on boy.

Discover that the profanity in "Terehithia" includes the repeated use of the word "Lord." Begin to agree with oldest child.

Day 3: Contemplate bookshelves in office. "Mohy Dick" encourages whale hunting, "Anna Karenina" adultery. Shakespeare teen suicide, world. The Federation of American usury and the occult. William Women's Clubs Overseas is the Faulkner, oy. Consider what would remain if all books containing sex. profanity, racial slurs, violence were removed from shelves.

Narrow it down to "Cat in the Hat," dictionary and Bible, Realize cat with hat encourages children to make a mess while mother is out. Discover in American Library Association Banned Books Week litera-ture that the Bible was challenged as "obscene and pornographic" at li-brary in Fairbanks, Alaska, Fear for future of human race.

Day 4: Read quote from Judy

NEW YORK — It's Banned bithia" in Mechanicshurg: "If only books that no one found objectionable were left on library shelves. I fear they would soon be bare."

Vow to send Judy flowers and the collected works of Toni Morrison. ("Song of Solomon" challenged in Columbus, Ohio. So much for Nobel Prize.) Read "Catcher in the But" for pleasure of the columbus of Rye" for pleasure. Lose count of number of times book has been challenged or banned. "It uses the Lord's name in vain two hundred times," said one opponent. Wonder if she's read Bible.

Library Association sends information on case in Wyoming challenging Judy Blume book "Forev-er." Judy reigning Queen of hanned books, maybe because writes books about teenagers in which they talk and think like actual teenagers as opposed to adult's idea of what teenagers should be like. (How quickly we forget.) Parent com-plained "Forever" contains sex described graphically. Spells graphically "grafically."

Read that parent in Lambertville, New Jersey, objected to "The Amazing Bone" by William Steig, because animals use tohacco. Love Steig, love "Bone," hate tohacco. Heart sinks. Reports of censorship at highest mark in last 10 years. Find myself counting uses of Lord's name in vain in "Catcher." Read dictionary instead.

Day 5: Wonderful end to depressing week. Reread Jane Smiley's "A Thousand Acres," beautiful novel of family relationships. which won Pulitzer Prize. Advanced placement English class in Lynden, Washington, assigned to read it in tandem with "King Lear." Principal pulls it after parents complain, although their kid is not even in advanced placement class. "This was written to be stimulating," parents complained. Next thing you know teachers will be assigning books that are thought-provoking. Riveting. Even compelling. Then where will we be?

Consider entire kindergarten-to-lish school appropriate to the second company.

high school curriculum of banned books, heginning with "Night Kitchen" and ending with Janc Smiley. Great stuff all, Foolproof pedagogical method: Tell students they cannot, repeat, CANNOT, read these books, Too stimulating. Which reading scores sour. Next stop, Faulkner, Finish "Thousand Acres." Decide oldest chila is right. Reread "Bridge to Terebithia."

Even better the second time. The New York Times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Partnerships for People

At last week's summit meeting in Washington, Presidents Bill Clin-ton and Boris Yeltsin stressed the importance of their partnership. But in addition to the cooperative clinics, and providing loans to womties of political leaders and businessmen, 40 U.S. nonprofit organizations are building partnerships with counterparts in the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union to encourage outreach and social services. Through a \$25 million project funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development, organizations such as mine environmental devastation, such as impart the how-to of volunteerism the aftereffects of Chernobyl.

in local efforts to support groups in the newly independent states.

These local organizations are coaxing businesses to hire people with disabilities, forming senior citizens centers and family planning en starting small businesses. They sponsor workshops on conflict reso-Intion in war-torn Georgia, and ensure a basic income for families in Tajikistan following that country's bloody civil war. Fledgling environmental advocacy groups are improving their communication technology to publicize some of the world's worst

Clearly, the will and the infrastructure are there. Since the fall of the Soviet regime, more than 50,000 private voluntary and religious organizations have been launched in Russia alone, and thousands more are springing up in nearby republics. But 70 years of totalitarian leadership has

compromised resources and trust. The U.S. AID project offers technical assistance and management training to enable partner institutions to solve their own social, environmental and health-related problems through a more effective safety net.

A few hundred thousand dollars in

U.S. assistance is helping lay the basis for a continuous, functioning net-

work of support systems. These part- can Women's Clubs throughout the nerships, too, are working.

JUDY HENDREN MELLO.

Brattleboro, Vermont The writer is president of World Learning, a nonprofit educational services organization based in Vermont.

Helping Expatriates Adjust

In response to "Heading Off Culture Shock Aids Success" (Money Report. Sept. 3) by Barbara Wall: The article was excellent but ne-

glected to mention the wealth of information and support that is given to expatriate families by Ameriumbrella organization for 61 such clubs worldwide. It offers information about cultural adaptation, local customs and logistics, as well as a network of support and friend-ship during and after the transition from one country to another. Families and companies are encouraged to take advantage of the federation's helpful resources.

> BARBARA JOHNSON, President. Federation of American

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WHAT THEY RE READING

TROUBLED TIGER: Businessmen, Bureaucrats and Generals in South Kores

By Mark Clifford. 350 pages. \$55 hardback, \$19.95 paperback. M. E. Sharpe

Reviewed by Philip Bowring

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T T is difficult for anyone to be dispassionate about Korea. Koreans themselves seem to have few equals in the national pride-hypersensitive chauvinism league. The foreigners who know them best are the Japanese, who are disqualified by recent history from comment on their erstwhile subjects. That leaves the Americans who can reasonably claim

· Fernando Ros, director of business promotion for Telefonica Internacional, is reading "Preparing for the Twenty-First Century," by Paul Kennedy. "It analyzes the big problems facing humanity and makes a

conjecture about how they will evolve. I don't completely agree with the book's content, but I find it very interesting as an impetus to think about these chal-(Al Goodman, IHT)



to have created most of the military security and foreign trading pre-conditions for South Korea's remarkable 30-year march from Bangladesh to OECD in-

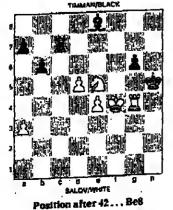
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By Robert Byrne TALERI SALOV beat Jan Timman in Game 7, in the FIDE quarterfinals.

In the classical Nimzo-Indi-

an Defense, White always used to develop with 6 Nf3, but after the successes of the Hübner Variation beginning in the 1970s, 6...Bc3!? 7 bc d6 8 e4 e5, it was appreciated that Black's blockade strategy worked very well in this position. According-ly, 6 Ne2 has taken over the leading role, as it has the virtue of discouraging 6...Bc3?! 7 bc d6 because White's 12 pawn is not blocked and spearheads a strong attack after 8 O-O e5 9 Ng3! O-O 10 d5 Ne7 11 f4! ef 12 ef Kh8 13 f5!

Thus Timman followed the popular course of opening the center with 6...cd 7 ed d5 8 ed



Nd5. The isolated d4 pawn can become an endgame disadvantage, but its control of a slight preponderance of central space can help White obtain kingside

attacking chances.
Timman's 15...f5 shook off Salov's pressure on the bI-a8 diagonal and it gave him the space to defend against a mat-ing attack. The backward e6

pawn was soon eliminated after 21...e5, with the point that 22 de is countered by 22...Re4. After 24...Bg5 25 hg Rc1 26 Rc1, the black kingside pawns

were all on the color of his remaining bishop, but Timman took care of that with 26...f4 27 Ni4 Qg5, and after 28 Nd3 Qe3 29 fe, he had reached the end-

But it soon appeared that White's knight and rook were superior to Black's rook and bishop and the white connected passed center pawn were easier to mobilize than two flankpawn majorities.

The blockade that Timman set up with 31...Be4 could not be maintained after 37 Rfl because of the threat of 38 Rf4.

After 40 Rg4 Kh5, there was no need to take the g6 pawn, especially when 41 Kf4 Bf7 42 d5 started the decisive advance of the passed pawns.
After 42...Be8 43 Rg3!, Tim-

man had to evade 44 Rh3 mate with 43...Kh6. Then Salov ended all resistance with 44 d6! There was no use going on with 44...Rb7 because 45 Rc3! creates the killing threat of 46 Rc7! Timman gave up.

NIMZO-INDIAN DEFENSE

With five years in South Ko-rea behind him, Mark Clifford's American journalistic dispassion occasionally shows signs of wear when dealing with South Korea's self-centered inability to acknowledge debts. The first and last chapters of this book might have been written by editorialists sitting in New York. But the core of the book is informative, balanced and well-documented without lacking analysis and reasoned interpre-

tation of the informational black holes that dot the country's recent history. Clifford has succeeded in describing and explaining the in-teraction of military, bureaucratic and business interests that have created modern South

His account of the formative Park Chung Hee era is especially well done. It may not hreak new ground, but it does show bow much South Korea's progress owed to the statist ideas that Park borrowed from prewar Japan and how both nationalist carrots and bureaucratic sticks were used to spur the private sector, dominated hy a few huge groups, to prodigious efforts and epic risk-taking. Clifford shows how dispacontradictory forces combined in common goals, though he does not address the question of

why they did so. He also recognizes the energy and dissension generated by the friction between populist egali-tarianism, inherited Confucian structures of order and the social mobility unleasned by the chaos that reigned between 1945 and 1960. The book also provides a reminder of the ruthlessness and zeal for retribution with which politics has been conducted in Korea, and perhaps bodes ill for chances of

reunification without tears. Clifford bas, with reason, few plaudits for former President Chun Doo Hwan, though be probably overstates the impact of corruption that began under Park but flourished more obviously under Chun. But he well

describes the struggles for policy changes, particularly those for economic liberalization put forward by (mostly U. S.-trained) technocrats, and the role of the labor movement during the '80s.

Censoriousness creeps in a little too often for comfort. Despite the amazing changes that Korean society and politics have undergone in the past decade, Clifford sourly comments that elections "do not herald democracy as it is known in the West," citing the number of local government officials as evidence of the state "reaching to every household."

The conclusion is also disappointing. There is little forward thinking. Just a single paragraph on what is perhaps the most important issue facing the South: how to manage eventual reunification.

He is also, as the book title implies, quite gloomy about the future, concluding that South Korea has taken a wrong turn and is in a "developmental culde-sac." Maybe. But not much evidence is introduced nor account taken of the factor that South Korea has enjoyed for 30 years and still enjoys: the relatively low cost of relatively high

Clifford assumes that South Korea will be held hack by failure to open its markets in accordance with received wisdom. He may well be right. But given the success of statism (including bank nationalizations) in the past, the case is less than

Poor fortune-teller he may be hut when it comes to describing what has gone before, Clifford is well informed, writes clearly and bas made an unusually good job of weaving business and politics into a single tapesrate and apparently try thus making this a book more useful than most in explaining the process by which South Korea arrived at its cur-

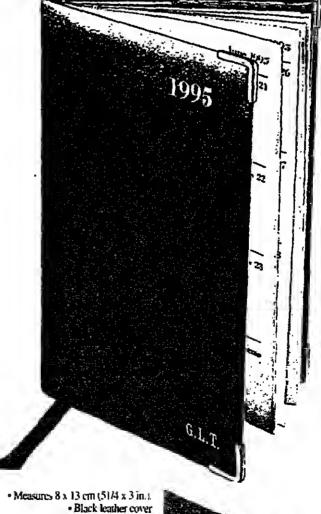
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At the World Economic Fo- claim. the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, argued that the G-7 alone could no longer be considered representative of the evolving power structure of the world economy. Mr. Sutherland said that a broader grouping to reform their practices. would be oeeded in the future At the annual G-7 su and other economic matters.

The growing power and competitiveness of developing countries can be seen in the politics of GATT. While the United States, the European Union and Japan still account for the overwhelming bulk of world trade, the developing namuscles. Their very competi-tiveness has forced new issues to the fore. Some of these issues, such as the establishment of international labor standards or account, are now being shaped in equal measure by both North and South.

World Bank, it seems fair to oping countries — a greater role er, as blind to this argument as some Third World officials

rum in Davos last winter, Peter
Sutherland, director-general of IMF/World Bank meetings got under way in Madrid, Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen of the United States agreed that developing countries should be given more influence. He also acknowledged that donors need

At the annual G-7 summit to help manage the complex- meeting in Naples in July, leadities of world trade, currencies ers decided to review the role of institutions such as the IMF and World Bank and come up with reform proposals in time for the summit in Halifax, Canada next year.

What all this means is that years from now this week's IMF dispute may come to be seen less as an ideological struggle or tions are flexing their collective a mere spat over Mr. Camdessus and more as a harbinger of change in the way power is shared in the world economy.

In practice, the G-7 members of the IMF, even though they the oeed for business to take represent nearly half of the orenvironmeotal concerns into account, are now being shaped in equal measure by both North who still has another 27 months of his second five-year term to Likewise, when it comes to serve. Life, however, may beadministering aid from organi- come more difficult for him as



Michel Camdessus, managing director of the IMF, speaking with Finance Minister Mourad Cherif of Morocco and Lewis T. Preston, president of the World Bank, before a session of the World Bank development committee.

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CAMPAIGN: No Year for Women

Continued from Page 1 years ago and can even be a

handicap. Since the raw anger over the supreme Court confirmation hearings of Clarence Thomas—who was accused of sexually harassing a former colleague—has subsided, many female candidates say they do not think it helps to emphasize their sexually and the sexually harassing a former colleague—has subsided, many female candidates say they do not think it helps to emphasize their sexually sexually to the ich. helps to emphasize their sex.

In a turnabout from two years ago, it is the men who now see the benefit of playing up the sex of their female opponents. Crime rather than the ecocomy has become the central issue in many races, leaving women to suffer from a stereotype that they are not as tough as meo on crime.

Even the womeo who were elected to the House of Representatives in record numbers in 1992 are finding the excitement over their victories short-lived. They are oow considered insiders, and most of them are Democrais — not a sure-fire recipe for victory this November. As a result, more than a third of the 48 female House members are considered endangered.

"We're talking about a year where there is less opportunity. where many of the women elected in 1992 are running for re-election in a much tougher political climate," said Harriett Woods, president of the Na-tional Women's Political Caucus, who lost two Senate races in Missouri in the 1980s.

There has just been an apathy among all the electorate. Women may suffer from it, but I don't think it's people saying, 'Oh, we aren't going to support

Aoother dynamic playing against women, pollsters say, is that voters generally find it easier to vote for a woman for a legislative joh like senator rather than for an executive post like governor. And this year, as compared with 1992, there are many more gubernatorial con-

Here in Illinois, Ms. Netsch has out recovered from a barrage of commercials after the primary in which Governor Edgar attacked her for opposing the death penalty. At the time, her campaign did not have the money to respond to him, and her popularity in the polls plummeted.

Struggling to climb back, Ms. Netsch's senior aides met with worried party leaders last week and decided to redouble efforts to mobilize women and other groups who historically are reliable Democrats.

"Women are demoralized for some reason," Kay Clement, a veteran Chicago political orga-nizer and Ms. Netsch's closest friend, said during a women's luncheon. "They aren't coming out with the support that they did two years ago."

In other states, women have more hopeful stories to tell. self from attacks oo the crime Several have fought off aggressive challenges from male opponents to win primaries.

The Democrats waging competitive, if oot winning, races for governor include Kathleen Brown in California, Bonnie Campbell in Iowa and Myrth York in Rhode Island. At least two woman are favored to win electioo to the Senate, Olympia Snowe, a Republican in Maine, and Ann Wynia, a Minnesota Democrat.

Even so, there are just as many examples of women who waged vigorous primary campaigns with help from national women's groups but lost to male rivals who in most cases were better financed.

Lynn Yeakel, who in 1992 capitalized on the furor being directed at Senator Arien Specter for having voted to confirm Justice Thomas to the Supreme Senate primary in Pennsylvania, before losing in the general election, did not even make it past this year's gubernatorial primary.
On the Republican side, a former radio talk show host,

Ronna Romney, was edged out in Michigan's Senate primary. "What you find as a woman is that the normal networks just aren't open." Ms. Romney said in an interview oo the eve of her primary. "We literally had to create a whole new universe and whole new finance universe." Whatever degree gender plays in the elections next

month, the results will inevita-bly be compared with those of 1992. As Senator Patty Murray. a Washington Democrat who was elected two years ago, dewomen are up to the job. If the Year of the Women ended in 1992, what does that mean to

our daughters?" If Ms. Feinstein survives a challenge from a well-linanced Republican, Representative Michael Huffington, and Ms. Brown manages to defeat Gov-ernor Pete Wilson, California will be the first state where the top three office-holders are women. The state's second senator, Barbara Boxer, is also a Democrat.

While Republicans are too savvy to make any sexist appeals that the state is not ready for three women in control, Ms. Feinstein and Ms. Brown are not going out of their way to emphasize their gender. They seem to be trying to preserve their expected support from women without losing male voters. It is a striking contrast to Ms. Feinstein's failed bid for governor in 1990, when she emphasized the historic prospect of becoming the state's first female governor.

Even with diminished voter turnout this year, Mr. Wilson says, Ms. Brown's sex gives her an edge. "There are a certain oumber of women who avowed-ly say that they will vote for her because she's a woman, purely because of gender," the gover-nor said in an interceive. "There are certain stereotype prejudices that work for and against men and women."

But another stereotype probably works to Mr. Wilson's benefit: crime. Like Mr. Edgar in Illinois, Mr. Wilson has repeatedly castigated Ms. Brown for her stance against the death penalty -- though both she and Ms. Netsch say they would enforce the law on the books. While his attacks would probably work oo male oppooents, pollsters say they are all the more effective on women.

Don Sipple, the media con-sultant for Mr. Edgar, Mr. Wil-son and George W. Bush, who is running for governor in Texas against Governor Ann Richards, has created look-alike television commercials in all three states that warn viewers that the Democrats are too easy on crime.

Though it may be too late, Ms. Netsch has begun fighting back with a commercial in which she promises to build more prisons if that would keep criminals off the street.

Ms. Richards has had an easier time than Ms. Brown and Ms. Netsch in inoculating herissue because she is for the death penalty and has cultivated a tougher persooa. "She not only supports the death penalty," Ms. Netsch said, "but she's gung-bo about it."

Zhirinovsky Meets With Officials in North Korea

TOKYO - Vladimir Zhirin-

ovsky, the Russian ultranationalist leader, met North Korean officials Monday and told them he was a keen student of Korean socialism, the official press agency, KCNA, reported.

Mr. Zhirinovský, heading a delegation of his Liberal Democratic Party to the North Korean capital, had talks with officials of the Korean Workers' Party on "issues of mutual con-Court and won the Democratic cern," the press agency said in a report monitored here

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Clockwise from upper left. Moschino's flower print dress, in from of a portrait of the designer: Isabella Rossellini in a brocade tuxedo with lace bra by Dolce & Gabbano: glazed stretch jersey skirts with blouses from Istante by Versace; Oliver's Dietrich dress by Valentino; long jacket and asymmetric skirt with shorts by Emporio Armani.

Designers Go to Old Movies

By Suzy Menkes International Herald Tribune

ILAN - Sophia Loren may have turned 60, but the luptuous curves, luscious legs and handspan waist lingers on. talian fashion has gone hell for feather for glamour, and the shows are an homage to cellu-

"Pinups!" said Donatella Versace to sum up the Veronica

MILAN FASHION

Lake hairdos, the Betty Grable playsuits and the Some-Like-It-Hot pants in the Versus show.

"Marlene Dietrich — to me he was a symbol of glamour, emininity, high heels," said retrospective of fashion photographs. eatured moonbeam-blonde nodel Nadja Auerman writhng in Blue Angel attitudes and irop-dead dresses.

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So it is movie time in Milan. Dolce & Gabbana enforced hat message by sending Isabela Rossellini — the daughter of ngrid Bergman - down the unway in a pastiche of 1930s, 40s and '50s glamour — all moldering corset dresses, silkn pajama pants, elongated cigrette holders and wafts of marabou feathers.

It took Giorgio Armani to let ome fresh air into this steamy cenario. His Emporio line Monlay focused on bosoms, brief iemlines and even — a first for im — some spindly stiletto icels. It seemed modern and redible, as long jackets over rief skirts or dresses fluttering n layers of chiffon came in wa-

ery, sand and shell pink colors. Even Armani focused on egs, extending from a brief ticed-away skirt with attached

"You can look at a period out not repeat what you saw."

Armani says. "Fashion is insistng on glamour, but women low move differently and live lifferently. It is ridiculous just o do cinema."

There is something forced ibout the high voltage glamour low beaming from glossy mag-tzine covers while as yet leaving lardly a red-lipstick smear on public taste. Even at the sophisicated soirée at La Scala on Sunday, celebrating 30 years of Italian Vogue, the fashion rowd was wearing its usual so-

er black. If you took away the silverscreen styling — the feather boas, cigarette holders and stilettos - from Dolce & Gabbana, there was nothing much there save some pretty nice clothes. The strongest suit of Stefano Gabbana and Domenico Dolce is tailoring taut to the body. The fitted coat, stroking the curves, stopping just over line that fashion calls the New Length. Although it sort of worked for stretch dresses, anything that hobbles the knees seems backward looking, and other dresses with short swingy

made their reputation with corset dresses, the many variations on that theme were spirited. But a lot of the long show seemed like reinterpretations of the '40s viewed in the '70s: narrowcut trench coats or safari jackets reflecting Helmut Newton's gendary photographs of Yves aint Laurent collections; or the disco delirium in images by Chris Von Wangenheim, a Newton protege. It was discon-

graphs. The merit of Gianni Versace's showing of secondary lines was that they spoofed film star glamour in a witty way. You had to smile as models pranced out in playsuits printed with flowers or butterflies (prints are hot for the summer season). Feathers fluttered, bosoms bounced in corset tops, hot pants (another 70s revival) are cool again. The Versus line was a cute take on disco dressing, with the kind of rosebud trimmings that once used to

shout My First Bra. ACK to the 1940s and '50s was the look at Versace's Istante line. but the designer is smart enough to see that you can update that look with modern fabrics. The show opened and closed with busty blouses. cinched waists and skinny kneelength hemlines à la Loren but with the skirts made in a glazed stretched jersey to give them a cyberspace spin. The show was sometimes kitsch, mostly commercial, and the simple dresses fluttering to handker-

chief point hems were well done. Armani also made much of the dress, making it short and cute in layered chiffon or but-ter-soft suede, and in subtle seashore colors from aquamarine to seaweed green. Legs, in mesh hose, were exposed below fluted hemlines or more awkward

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the knee, made sense of a hem- asymmetric miniskirts with name, running in the wake of a barely-there skirts showed Armani's skill at re-shaping the torso, even adding brassiere seaming, to give a shapely silskirts were more liberating.
Since Dolce & Gabbana houette in the best of taste.

The death last month of Franco Moschino has robbed Italian fashion of its gadfly — a designer who could poke fun at fashion while at the same time making streamlined modern clothes. His spirit lives on in the spring/summer collection dominated by the fresh flower prints he chose for florals were an homage to the 1960s designer Ken Scott.

to the vulgarity of now." said Rossella Jardini, Moschino's collaborator and the head of the 21-person design studio, who will continue the business.

Also in the Moschino image are his signature jackets, hand-painted or appliqued with flow-ers. A black handprint on the back of a white jacket signifies the "clean hands" corruption probe — a characteristically provocative gesture from a designer mourned throughout the fashion world.

Saturday saw a party for Rosita and Tai Missoni, who brought their retrospective of 40 years of colorful and invenrive work to Milan, after its July showing in Florence. On Monday, Missoni showed its collection inspired by the siren call of the sea: mixes of Mediterranean blues for the signature patterned knits; easy tunics with pants, or briefer jackets with short fluted skirts. Mermaid dresses in waves of pattern and texture were dressed up with frond necklaces or patterned espadrilles.

about -don't hold your breath —glamour. It was dispiriting to see Byblos, once a lively fashion is gorgeousness."

matching underpants. A finale trend for shiny fabrics, glitter of 12 white jackets over the sequins, space age silver and little girl dressing. Although shapely pantsuits with flaring trousers made the most grown up part of the collection, Byblos endorsed a strong trend in Milan toward the dress.

What with chandeliers dangling over the runway, poodles in the models' arms and diamond dog collars round their necks, the glamour message was none too subtle at Blumarine, where stylist Anna Molinari always gears up to the current curvaceous dresses with a touch trend. Last season Lolita. This of La Dolce Vita. The bright season disco that pants and shine) and sophisticated ladies Pastel knits worn with pleated "He liked the period and satin skirts in sweet-pea colors will look quite normal stripper of stilettos, garter belts, seamed hose and all that glam.

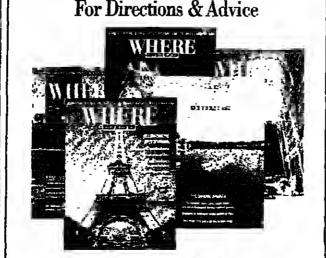
> UT if glamour is so seductive, how come no one, even in the fashion industry, is wear-

ing it?
"It's one thing to create an image on the runway — when you do it for life you adapt it," said Isabella Rossellini, who is vamping it up in all the shows, but for the Vogue party chose a simple black georgette dress, worn with low-heeled boots, from Dolce & Gabbana.

It was the same story for Joanna Lumley, star of the British fashion sitcom "Absolutely Fabulous," in which she plays a fashion editor who is a carica ture of over-the-top glamour To watch the feather pompoms, shiny stretch skirts, bra tops and hot pants at Versace's Istante show, Lumley wore a plain black dress by Prada under a beige cardigan. But she insists that glamour is good -at least on the screen.

"I love it," she said. "We've Monday's other shows were done realism. We've studied the cigarette butts on the pavement. What sustains the human spirit

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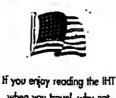
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Japan Spurns **Talks**

Sanctions Threat Scars Trade Pact

Compiled by Our Staff From Disposithes TOKYO - Japan said Monday it would refuse to return to trade talks with the United States while it remains under the threat of U.S. sanctions on imported Japanese auto parts.

"We won't bold talks as long as the United States threatens to impose sanctions under the 301 trade law," said Nobuo Ishihara, vice cabinet secretary.

"That's something the Unit-

ed States is doing unilaterally," be said. "In those conditions, we can't resume negotiations." Separately, Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama of Japan said: "We expect to need a long time to discuss the matter. We

need a cooling-off period." Trade Minister Ryutaro Ha-shimoto echoed Mr. Murayama's remarks when he met business leaders from the Japan Federation of Economic Organizations, the nation's largest

business group.

Mr. Hashimoto said Japan could not bridge the gap in the auto part negotiations because Japan had no intention of accepting a U.S. demand for purchase plans. "A certain period of cooling-off time is necessary," he said.

Mr. Hashimoto, who along with Foreign Minister Yohei Kono led the Japanese delegation to Washington, added: "No easy conclusion can be expected for a while, as we have a fundamental gap."

During the weekend talks, Japan and the United States' reached broad agreement on insurance, government procurement and flat glass markets, but failed to settle the issue of autos and auto parts - a key sector that accounts for 60 percent of Tokyo's \$60 billion trade surplus with Washington.

(AFP. Remers)

A Sound Technology War Disks Battle Tapes for Market Share

By Steven Brull

International Herald Tribune

TOKYO — Young people, whose tastes will make or break the next generation of digital audio, are quite clear about two things: Disks are preferable to tapes, and reliability and random access are more important than price.

Two years ago, when Sony Corp. unveiled the Minidisc and Philips Electronics NV and Matsushia Electric Industrial Co. rolled out Digital Compact Cassette, it was a toss-up which technology would win.

MiniDisc, which uses an optical disk much smaller than a compact disk, boasted an ability to record at near compact-disk-quality levels, the convenience of random access and the reliability of disks.

Digital Compact Cassette allowed users to make full-fledged compact-disk-quality recordings on digital tapes. Equally important, it maintained compatibility with compact cassettes — the biggest existing format. Its hardware and blank software were also slightly cheaper than MiniDisc.

But while Digital Compact Cassette is stronger in Europe, and MiniDisc shines in Japan and North America, global sales of MiniDisc are likely to approach 900,000 units this year. The amount is at least double, and possibly several times, that for Digital Compact Cassette. And next year, the gap is certain to grow even larger as MiniDisc sales accelerate and Digital Compact Cassette growth remains constant, at best.

The divergent success of the two formats is in part a reflection of differing marketing strategies and regional economic growth. But

it's clear that the main reason is simply that disks are in and tapes are on the way out.

"The younger generation that is doing most of the buying finds more appeal in the CD than tape, so there's more interest in the MiniDisc," said Jeffrey Camp, an industry analyst at Jardine Fleming Securities.

While the battle is still in its early days, there growing possibility that Digital Compact Cassette may join the list of consumer audio duds that include the eight-track cartridge cassette, quadraphonic sound and the ill-fated

digital audio tape player of the mid-1980s.

The preference for MiniDisc is particularly strong in Japan and North America, a reflection of the market penetration of compact disks. In most European countries, though, cassette tape bas a greater market presence —
mostly because of the efforts of Philips, the Dutch consumer electronics giant, which bolds the patent on the music carrier. That, in

turn, is a major reason why Philips is pushing Digital Compact Cassette.

"Digital Compact Cassette is like going back to the '50s or '60s." said David Benda, an analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd. "Philips is trying to protect something which is dying. Give it a few years, and it will die a natural death."

MiniDisc's success also has a lot to do with a marketing strategy that stresses the format's features and makes its magneto-optical technology as transparent as possible.

Digital Compact Cassette's approach, in contrast, bas focused on audio quality and its compatibility with analog cassettes. Sony's strategy centers on educating poten-

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U.S. Data Send Chill to Markets Across Europe

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON - Stocks ter," a Treasury bond trader at plunged across Europe on the Chicago Board of Trade Monday, sending many leading said of the report. indexes toward their lows for British stocks the year, amid concerns about

man markers were closed for the Unification Day holiday.

"It's difficult to see any upside," said Andrew Bell, European strategist for BZW Global Economics. "There's a risk of further general crumbling in eq-

uity prices."

Government bonds fell and their yields rose in line with the rise in yields of the benchmark 30-year U.S. Treasury bond after the National Association of Purchasing Management said its purchasing managers' index rose to 58.2 in September from 56.2 in August. The index of economic activity in the United States bad been widely forecast to rise to 57.

British stocks were among the worst performers of the day, rapid U.S. economie growth led by a 15 percent plunge in and falling government bonds. sbares of S.G. Warburg Group Leading stock averages fell PLC after the investment bank more than 2 percent in Italy and said turnoil in financial mar-I percent in Britain, France, kets would cause first half pre-Spain, and Switzerland. Ger- tax profit to fall by as much as 63 percent

The FT-SE 100 Index of leading British shares declined 42.8 points, to 2,983.5, its low-

est since July 13. Italian and Spanish stocks plunged amid speculation that German rates would increase. leading to higher rates in those countries and making it more expensive for their governments to pay off the massive debts

they carry.
The Italian Mibtel Index fell 252 points, to 10,585, while the Spanish Ibex Index fell 50.66 points, to 3,125.97, led by a sharp decline in shares of the

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U.S. Purchasers Say Prices Are Rising

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Manufac-

turing in the United States raced ahead in September, but higher materials prices suggest that inflation at the producer level is rising, according to a survey by the National Association of Purchasing Manage-ment released Monday.

The association said its index of factory activity rose to 58.2 in September from 56.2 in August, while its index of prices paid jumped to 77.1—the highest since August 1988 - from 74.5 in August.

The data could spark the

Federal Reserve Board to raise interest rates soon to slow the economy and rein in inflation.

"The economy is growing." said Sam Kahan, chief economist at Fuji Securities in Chicago. "A Fed tightening is becoming etched in stone." The survey showed manufac-

turing activity accelerating more quickly than many analysts had expected. David yss, an economist at DRI/McGraw-Hill in Lexington, Massachusetts, said the

data reflected strong demand for cars, computers and home

index reading in the survey above 50 indicates an expansion of activity at U.S. factories. while a reading below 50 indicates a decline,

The data are widely followed by economists and the financial "It's had news on the inflation

front, obviously," said Mike Niemira, manager of economic research at Mitsubishi Bank.

The report's indication of strong growth accompanied by rising prices sent the price of the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond down 12/32 point, to 95 31/32, and the yield up to The purchasing managers as 7.85 percent from 7.81 percent sociation, based in Tempe, Ari-7.85 percent from 7.81 percent zona, surveys managers at more ue of fixed-income securities.

bat inflation with higher rates. That is when the Labor Department is scheduled to release employment data for September. A gain of a quarter-million or more new jobs could push the Fed into action, especially in concert with purchasers' data, analysts said.

move as soon as Friday to com-

They pointed out that while the association's prices paid in-dex did not measure the magnitude of the price increases, it showed more businesses were paying higher costs for raw materials, Eventually, higher factory costs could be passed on to

"Purchasing executives continue to identify the increase in See GROWTH, Page 12

Blacks Invest With PepsiCo In South Africa

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PURCHASE, New York - PepsiCo Inc. said Monday it had gathered a group of prominent black investors, including the actor Danny Glover and the basketball player Shaquille O'Neal, to invest \$15 million in its new South African bottling venture.

The announcement coincided with a visit by President Nelson Mandela of South Africa to the United States, Mr. Mandela is seeking to encourage in-

vestment in his country. In June, Pepsi said it would invest \$100 million over three years through New Age Beverages. New Age is 75 percent-owned by

Egoli Beverages LP, with Pepsi owning the rest. The celebrity investment group is putting \$15 million into Egoli, Besides Mr. Glo-ver and Mr. O'Neal, who appears in Pepsi advertisements, the group includes two New York politicians: Percy Sutton, a former borough president of Manhatian, and Charles Johnson, a former state legislator. The singer Whitney Houston and Motown Records Co.

also are investing. "It is important we take an opportunity to open our checkbooks and put our money where our mouth is," Mr. Glover said.

Coca-Cola Co., Pepsi's main rival, has about 90 percent of South Africa's cola market. Pepsi said it withdrew from the country in 1985, responding to in-ternational sanctions.

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Don't Blame Trade for Lower Wages

By Reginald Dale International Herald Tribune TASHINGTON — Maybe Karl Marx had a point after

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all. Perhaps just one predic-tion widely ascribed to him - that capitalism would ultimately depress the wages of the proletariat - is about to come true. The culprit, according to some econo-

mists, is that eminently capitalist con-cept, free trade. They argue that growing competition with low-wage developing countries will drag down wages in the industrial world — particularly those of unskilled workers. Not so, say Jagdish Bhagwati and Vivek H. Dehejia of Columbia University in a book called "Trade and Wages" just

published by the American Enterprise Institute in Washington. They argue, almost certainly correctly, that technical progress — especially the widespread use of computers — has de-

pressed unskilled wages far more than trade is ever likely to. But many people still bave a gut feel-ing that trade is to blame — for low wages in the United States and for high unemployment in Europe. Those fears are being exploited by American oppo-

nents of the Uruguay Round trade package, now before Congress — just as they were by opponents of the North American Free Trade Agreement a year ago.
There is a magnificent irony to all this. as Mr. Bhagwati and Mr. Dehejia point out. During the 1950s and 1960s, many

countries in the developing South saw

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trade with the developed North as a threat, fearing that without protection

they could never industrialize.
Since the 1980s, however, "there have been fearful voices in the North, dreading trade with the poor South as a recipe for descent into the wages and working con-ditions of these impoverished nations,"

Even if wages converged around the world, it would not necessarily mean a 'race to the bottom.'

the two economists wrote. Conversely, many in the South now see trade with the North "as an opportunity, not a peril." Some of the arguments now being deployed on this front in the United States are polemical to the point of hysteria: They ignore the evident fact that devel-

oping and developed countries usually benefit from mutual trade. Initial reports suggest that NAFTA has led to a boom in trade between the United States and Mexico that is advantageous to both countries. There is no evidence that

it is depressing American wages.
But one economic theory — known by
the unappetizing name of factor price equalization - contends that trade with poor countries with plentiful unskilled labor reduces wages of less skilled work-

ers in rich countries. Advocates of the theory point to the

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United States, where relative wages of less skilled workers declined in the 1970s and 1980s, coincidental with a steady increase in the U.S. trade deficit.

Mr. Bhagwati and Mr. Debejia say the assumptions underlying the theory are simply wrong — that the theory fails to take account of the uneven spread of technology and know-bow around the world, the effects of economies of scale and different mixes of capital and labor

in producing the same product.

If the theory were true, they say, prices of American goods produced by low-skilled labor that compete with imports would be declining, whereas in fact they

are rising.

Even if wages converged around the world, it would not necessarily mean a "race to the bottom," as some protectionists maintain. There have been buge wage increases in many countries that started out as low-wage compentors to the West. Japan is only the most obvious example.

Of course, companies will continue to move to low-wage regions for some pro-duction functions. Heightened worldwide compention has certainly belped to restrain wages in industrial countries. But low wages are less and less a factor in modern production techniques and in-

vestment planning.
Unfounded fears of a "race to the bottom" are no reason to restrict free trade, which is more likely to raise wages all around. The best way to ensure Karl Marx's prophecy comes true would be for the capitalists he despised to embrace protectionism -as they did in the 1930s.

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By Frank Swoboda Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Years of contraction in the unionized work force at U.S. manufacturing companies bave created a paradox in labor-management relations: The more unions shrink, the stronger they may be

"We are seeing the end of the docile decade," a top corporate ing Japaneso-style just-in-time executive said Friday, referring parts delivery to its assembly to the 1980s, when unions stood plants. by powerless as company after company reduced its work force to restore profits and boost pro-

Settlement of a three-day strike against General Motors Corp.'s "Buick City" complex by the United Auto Workers union Friday underscores some of that emerging new sway. The strike, which focused on GM's rights to hire temporary workers, appears to have ended on terms favorable to the union.

On the eve of the 1980s, 24,000 UAW members were working at Buick City. As GM now consolidates its operations

Retired UAW President Doubles Fracer said the shift in nationwide, there are only 11,000 union members left.

But in the intervening years, GM, like many other U.S. manufacturers, has undergone a major restructuring, reducing its number of suppliers and adopt-

entire assembly operations.

In the old days, assembly

Douglas Fraser said the shift in U.S. manufacturing practices has made employers much more vulnerable to union pressures. "Since the 1930s, we've never been in a position where the power relationship has been so much on the union side," Mr. Fraser said Friday.

Moreover, every worker is The result has made GM now more important in the promuch more vulnerable to the duction process. "Unions may demands of the union at key not have as many people, but operations such as Buick City they control a hell of a lot of or Anderson, Indiana, where a capital equipment in factories, brief UAW walkout last sum- said a labor relations analyst in mer threatened to shut GM's one of the nation's largest manufacturing firms. And as companies continue to trim the plants bad a large supply of ranks of their management parts on band and GM often staff, he said, "the worker beranks of their management manufactured a single model at comes very indispensible. We several plants. It could take don't bave any supervisors weeks or months for a strike at a left."

Sweden's Record Short Honeymoon

By Erik Ipsen
ternational Herald Tribuni

STOCKHOLM - The Social Democrats have not even resumed their accustomed place as the ruling party of Sweden, but already analysts are saying the country's buge deficit could force them out of office before the end of winter.

The problem that many say could prove the undoing of the government concerns plans to trim Sweden's massive govern-ment deficit. This year it is forecast to total slightly more than 14 percent of Sweden's gross domestic product.

"The political risk is still there," said Roy Berg, chief equity analyst for Credit Lyonnais in Stockholm. The Social Democrats this week return

to power after three wholly unaccustomed years in the wilderness - only their second three-year stint out of office in the last 60 years - a chastened party. They stress their determination to follow the lead of the outgoing center-right government of Carl Bildt and to rein in the deficit.

Spurred by volatile financial markets and immense pressure on the currency in the late summer, the Social Democrats departed from practice and outlined tough tax and spending plans in the midst of the election campaign. Their plan, which they unveiled in August, involves a reduction in the deficit totaling 50 billion krona (\$7 billion) over the next four years, compared with a revenue shortfall forecast to be upwards of 200 billion krona this year alone.

While welcoming that plan, many ques-tioned the ability of a minority government to deliver on its pledges. Even worse, most argue that those plans still fall woesee this as a step in the right direction but as being insufficient," said Klas Eklund, a former treasury official who is now chief economist at SE Banken. In fact, analysts insist that when the

government presents its first budget in January it will need to come up with plans to cut the deficit by double its present

While Sweden's new finance minister in waiting, Goran Persson, has expressed a willingness to come up with additional

Many analysts also express unhappiness about the deficit cuts envisioned by the Social Democrats. Roughly, they are split 50-50 between tax hikes and spending cuts.

deficit cuts if necessary, analysts openly wonder if he and his ministerial colleagues can actually sell them to Parliament.

We are a bit pessimistic," confessed Tomas Pousette, senior economist at Nordbanken. He and others say turbulence in the financial markets could precipitate a government crisis by the spring. one that could result in a new majority coalition government taking power.

Many analysis also express unhappiness

fully short of what is needed. "The markets about the nature of the deficit cuts envisioned by the Social Democrats. Roughly, they are split 50-50 between tax hikes and spending cuts.

"We already have the highest taxes in the world, and to put more taxes on top of those is a step in the wrong direction," said Mr. Berg, pointing in particular to plans for a "temporary" rise in the top marginal tax on incomes from 50 percent to 55 Others admit they find it hard to believe

that more scope cannot be found to slash spending. Mr. Eklund, for instance, reckons that the spending cuts already an-nounced total 2 percent of state spending. 'Most foreign investors might not be too impressed with a country that has the biggest public sector in the world managing to cut only 2 percent of that spending," he

Analysis say a failure to meet market expectations of cuis that are double what the Social Democrats have announced to date would dash any hopes of reducing the huge risk premium that international investors now place on Swedish bonds. Ten-year Swedish interest rates stand at 11.3 percent, compared with inflation of only 2.5 percent.

Those rates - nearly four percentage points above those of Germany - are a major deterrent to investing in Sweden. With an unemployment rate close to 9 percent, a multiple of the historic norm, and with that rate close to 14 percent when workers on state sponsored training

schemes are added to the total, Sweden's See SWEDEN, Page 12

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closed mixed on Monday after moderate, with 269.12 million a report showing strong manu-shares changing hands on Monfacturing activity in September day compared with 291.93 milhad bolstered expectations that lion shares on Friday. the Federal Reserve soon would

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traded during the session.

Fed and this report confirms fourth-quarter earnings. that view," said Jeffrey Appleat CS First Boston Corp.

tory output bodes well for manufacturer earnings and shares, traders said.

That expectation helped the up 3.70 points at 3,846.89, led by Alcoa and Goodyear. The Oxfor average rose as much as 8.74 initially, then fell as much as 17.16 hefore computer-guided buy orders restored prices.

Two stocks fell for every one contracts.

that rose on the New York NEW YORK - U.S. stocks Stock Exchange. Trading was

Alcoa gained 11/8 to 85% and raise interest rates to cool infla- Goodyear climbed 1% to 34½. on.
Semiconductors paced the reboosted by the report on economic growth. "People are treat after a profit warning thinking the deeper cyclical from Advanced Micro Devices, companies are going to report impressive earnings.

The Nasdaq composite index, led by Intel Corp., declined 3.51 points to 760.91. Intel a computer chip maker whose dropped 114 to 6014 and Adstock was the most actively vanced Micro Devices stumhled 31/4 to 261/2 after AMD told "We've had the view the analysts that price cuts on mieconomy is too strong for the croprocessors could hurt

CareNetwork Inc. soared gate, chief investment strategist 13% to 24 after Humana offered CS First Boston Corp. to acquire the parent company Stocks did not post greater of Wisconsin Health Organizafalls because the strength in fac- tion Insurance Corp. for \$123

Healthsource jumped 11/2 to 37. The health maintenance organization was rated above av-Dow Jones Industrial Average overcome early losses and close and a long-term huy by Merrill

Oxford Health Plans rose 1/2 to 781/2. New York state insurance regulators granted the company's requested 8 percent average rate increase on some

GROWTH: Prices Rising in U.S.

Continued from Page 11 materials prices as a major concern," said Ralph Kauffman, chairman of the purchasing association's survey committee.

For now, most companies are encountering stiff competition at home and abroad and are hesitant to raise consumer prices, Mr. Kahan said, While higher U.S. interest

Foreign Exchange

rates are designed to blunt higher prices, critics say they also could slow the economy too much. Some point to government data, also released Monday, showing a 0.2 percent drop in construction spending in Au-

gust.

The drop in construction spending was the first since February, and analysts said it provided evidence that higher marks from 1.5501 DM Friday, to 99.55 yen from 99.16 yen, to 5.3020 French from 5.2923 and to

ed to slow the housing industry. The rate on 30-year fixedpercent in August, up from the \$1.5790 from \$1.5800.
6.97 percent average rate in ear-

ly February when the Fed started raising interest rates.

■ Dollar Bucks Bond Drop The dollar was able to withstand pressure from a struggling bond market to finish in New York slightly higher against major currencies, news

agencies reported. The partial trade agreement reached over the weekend between the United States and Japan kept a floor under the U.S. currency, traders said.

The agreement convinced some currency traders that the U.S. government would not at least for now, resume calls for a stronger yen to curb the Japan's

francs from 5,2925 and to 1,2930 Swiss francs from rate mortgages averaged 8.51 1.2859. The pound slipped to

(Bloomberg, AFX)



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Daily closings of the Dow Jones industrial average

SWEDEN: Honeymoon Ending Before It Begins

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For the moment analysts say its worst recession this century. that investors are simply assum-

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Hans Sterte, an economist with Svenska Handelsbank pre-A huge boom in exports, fuing that both questions will be
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Mark IV Targets Purolator Bloomberg Business News

AMHERST, New York owns 4.7 percent of Purolator Products Co., said Monday it had agreed to buy the rest of the shares for \$264 million, or \$25 a

Purolator shares closed Mon-day at \$24.625, up \$6.625 from

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Baxter Sells Unit to Bain Capital

DEERFIELD, Illinois (Bloomberg) — Baxter International Inc. said Monday it had agreed to sell its diagnostics unit to Bain Capital for about \$448 million to reduce debt and focus on fewer

product lines. Baxter will receive \$408 million in cash plus \$40 million in Bain

preferred stock or debt. The unit makes chemicals for clinical tests as well as laboratory and bospital systems that detect viruses and bacteria. Baxter said

the business had sales of more than \$700 million in 1993. Baxter decided to leave the diagnostics business in order to focus on faster-growing areas such as biotechnology and renal therapies as well as the international expansion of its medical supplies operation.

Humana Will Buy Another HMO

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky (AP) - Shares of CareNetwork Inc., a health maintenance organization, soared Monday after the company announced it would be bought by Humana Inc. for \$123

Humana is one of the largest managed care companies in the United States, with about \$3 billion a year in revenue and 1.8 million members in bealth maintenance organizations and other

It will pay a hefty \$25.25 per share for CareNetwork, which has about 90,000 members in Milwaukee and southeastern Wisconsin.

CareNetwork shares closed Friday at \$10.875. Humana said the deal was part of a broad strategy to move into new markets.

Strong Chip Sales Help AMD Net

SUNNYVALE, California (Bloomberg) — Advanced Micro Devices Inc.'s third-quarter earnings rose 41 percent on continued

strong sales of microprocessors.

The nation's fifth-largest chip maker said net income rose to \$86.7 million, from \$61.3 million. Revenue rose 30 percent to \$543 million. The company said record sales of microprocessors and increasing sales of flash memory cards contributed to the sales

AMD gets about 25 percent to 30 percent of its revenue from copying Intel Corp.'s microprocessors. Digital Equipment Corp. announced Monday it would begin using AMD's 486 chips in Digital's personal computers.

Capital Cities Picks Up 2 Stations

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Capital Cities/ABC Inc. said Monday it would acquire two VHF television stations from SJL Broadcast Management Corp. for \$150 million.

The purchase of the two stations will bring the company's reach to a total of 10 stations with 24.2 percent of the nation's viewing

The stations being acquired are WJRT-TV in Flint, Michigan, and WTVG-TV, in Toledo, Ohio. WJRT-TV is an ABC affiliate, while WTVG-TV, is an NBC affiliate.

Magma Sets a Poison Pill Defense

SAN DIEGO (Bloomberg) — Magma Power Co. said Monday that it adopted a poison pill plan designed to foil California Energy Co.'s \$840 million takeover bid.

On Sept. 20, California Energy offered \$35 a share to acquire

Magma in a merger that would combine the two biggest companies in the geothermal industry. The offer consisted of \$25 in cash and \$10 in California Energy stock for each share of Magma.

But Magma said that its board approved a shareholder rights plan that would allow its shareholders to purchase newly issued preferred stock as soon as any one shareholder acquired 10 percent or more of Magma's 24 million shares outstanding.

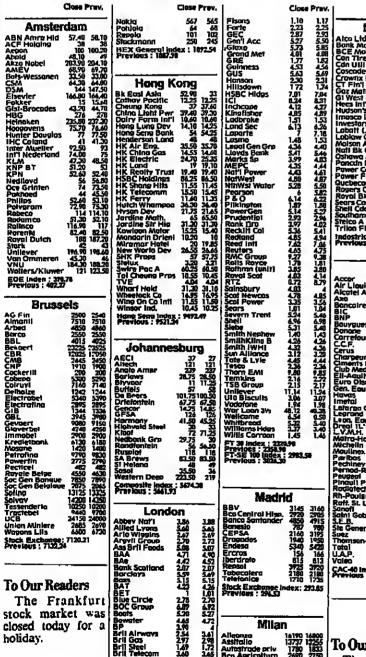
Weekend Box Office

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - "The River Wild" dominated the U. S. box office with a gross of \$10.5 million over the weekend. Following are the top 10 moneymakers, based on Friday ticket sales and

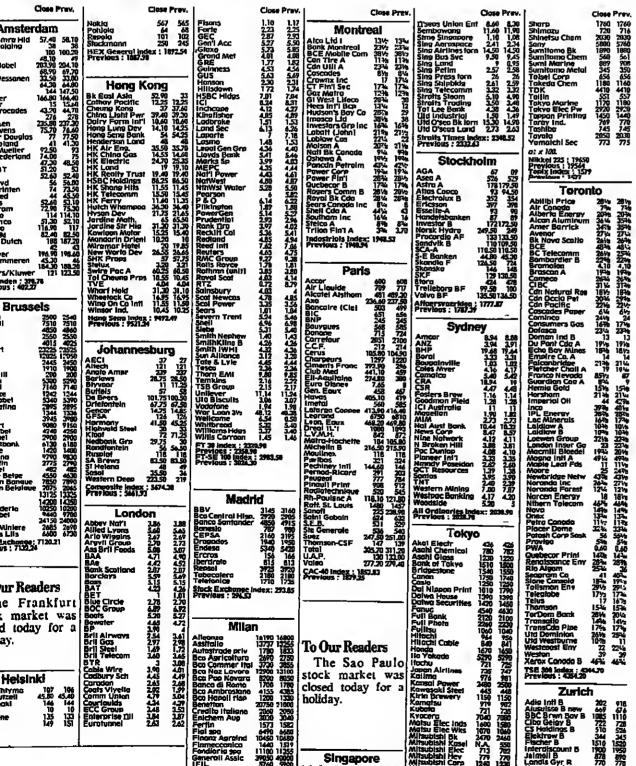
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7. "Clear and Present Danger"	(Paramount) .	\$2,1 milit
B. "The Scout"	(Twentieth Century Fox)	\$1.6 roins
9. "The Mask"	(New Line Cinema)	\$1,1 mins
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Lyonnais Recoups Investor Support

PARIS - Crédit Lyonnais M Buy Landber 1116 investment certificates rallied nearly 11 percent Monday as investors were encouraged by the steps the state-controlled bank was taking to tackle its problem loans.

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The bank's investment certificates, which differ from shares because they carry oo voting rights, rose to 430 French frames (\$81) from 388 francs Friday, helped by recommendations from analysts who met with bank executives late Friday.

"Crédit Lyonnais believes it can get rid of a lot of rubbish and have it guaranteed by the state," one analyst said, adding that a buy recommendation from a brokerage concern had

from a brokerage concern had helped fuel the gains. The French government last week agreed to inject fresh capi-tal into the bank if Credit Lyonanais had a second-half loss and

LVMH Says It Will Offer Stock Swap

PARIS - Arnault & Associés SA, the bolding compacy for LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SA, said Monday it would offer a share swap to bolders of shares in An Bon Marché SA and Financière

Agache SA.
The aim of the operation is to simplify the structure of the LVMH luxury goods maker, which comprises seven companies.

Uoder the proposal, Arnault said it would offer minority bolders in Financière Agache one LVMH share and one share in Christian Dior SA - another LVMH group member - for each of their

Agache would offer Au Bon Marché minorities five Dior sbares and two LVMH shares for four Au Bon Marché shares, Arnault said.

It said these parities would give minority shareholders a premium of 25 percent to 30 percent over the market price.

The operation is oot expected to oot dilute LVMH and Dior earnings, because no new shares will be issued. The shares distributed to Agache and Bon Marche shareholders will come from equity stakes in LVMH and Dior.

(Reuters, Bloomberg)

thereby failed to meet international capital requirements.

In addition, Credit Lyonnais will remove more problem loans from its balance sheet, and the government will act as guarantor for them. The bank last week posted a loss of 4.50 billion francs for the first half, widened from 1.05 billion francs in the 1993 first balf, including a provision of 8.90 billion francs for risky loans.

Analysts said Jean Peyrelevade, the chairman of Credit Lyonnais, had told them at a meeting Friday that from Jan. l, the state would cover losses arising from exposure to bad or

doubtful loans. But on Monday, Credit Ly-onnais said talk that the government would cover the losses on all the bank's troubled assets were "without foundation."

In any case, any fresh capital from the government would mark the second time this year that the state had had to bail out the hank. In March, the government and Credit Lyonnais's two other main state-controlled shareholders. Thomson-CSF and Caisse des Dépôts & Consignations, provided 4.9 billion francs of fresb capital.

The bank's apparent willingness to own up to its financial situation in a national advertising campaign over the past week also encouraged investors,

(Bloomberg, AFX, Renters)

■ Warburg Shares Plunge Sbares of S.G. Warburg Group PLC plunged after the

bank warned of lower profit because of volatile world securities markets, Reuters reported from London. Warburg said pretax profit for

the six months through September would be between £55 million and £65 million (\$86 million and \$103 million), down sharply from comparable year-earlier earnings of £148.8 million. Warburg shares fell to 569 pence from 670.

GATT Chief Sure of WTO Sutherland Says Deadline Will Be Met

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According to the GATT

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MADRID - Peter Sutherland, director-general of the

General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, said Mooday be was sure that the World Trade Organization would be implemented by Jan. 1.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the International Mooetary Fund, Mr. Sutherland said he was "positive" of getting the necessary ratification under the Uruguay Round of trade talks that would bring the new world trade group into existence.

"In just the past few days, the situation has improved markedly," Mr. Sutherland

He said 27 governments had signed and ratified the WTO agreement and that about 50 other countries confidently expect to complete their domestic proce-dures" by the time of the Implementation Conference in the first half of December.

without the accord. He said developing countries should "secure an even Mr. Sutherland said that

according to a GATT study that will be released soon, the greater expansion in trade," with the secretariat's most Uruguay Round accord conservative estimates show should increase global ining a 14 percent increase. come by more than \$500 bil-Mr. Sutherland said no set lion by 2005. Previously, formula had yet been estab-

GATT estimated that the relished for the oumber of sulting economies of scale conotries needed to ratify the Uruguay Round but noted and improved competition that all the major trading would lift income by about countries, priocipally the But be said that "even these United States, Japan and the estimates are too low, as they European Unioo, needed to miss other lasting effects relatratify the accord.

ed to higher investment, accel-He said "coocern has alerated economic growth and a healthier climate for global reways focused on the EU and U.S.," but that at the moment search and development and all the signals bave been

> On China's application to join GATT, Mr. Sutherland said that as a key player in the world economy it was "extremely important in principle that they be part of the WTO."

He also said that trade talks between China and the United States and European Union have been "conducted in a constructive atmosphere." (Bloomberg, AFX)

EU Carmakers Attack Japan Pact

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BRUSSELS — A European carmakers' association complained Monday about an agreement reached by Brussels and Tokyo on increasing the quota for Japanese car imports into the European Union this year.

"While the figure in absolute terms is not in Europe would not be competitive, The Associsignificant, the decision has a considerable politated Press reported from Castelnuovo Berar-

Officials from Japan and the EU agreed Fri- Europe, period," Robert J. Eaton, the chairman day to increase Japanese car imports by 9,000 units this year, to 984,000, because of an improving trend in the European car market.

But the European carmakers' association said the improvement in sales was not likely to last. "Several important markets have bardly progressed, and others have been buoyed by temporary incentives," the association said, referring to premiums paid in France and Spain to people trading in old cars for oew.

The European Union bas agreed to open its centrate on selling vehicles such as minivans and car market to foreign competition from 1999. Jeeps while trying to contain manufacturing costs.

while setting quotas for each year until then.

■ Chrysler Writes Off Europe Competition Chrysler Corp. said it planned to gradually increase its exports but acknowledged its prices

ical importance," the European Automobile denga, Italy.

Manufacturers Association said.

We will never, ever be price-competitive in

of Chrysler, said, Chrysler is selling European models for about 60 percent more than their U.S. counterparts because of transportation costs, alterations to suit European standards, tariffs of up to 10 percent and taxes of up to 19 percent.

Chrysler plans to increase its global exports. including passenger cars, from 160,000 vehicles this year to 300,000 by 2000.

But in Europe, the automaker says it will con-

Sainsbury **Buys Stake** In Giant

LONDON - J. Sainsbury

PLC said Mooday it would buy 50 percent of the voting stock in Giant Food Inc. for \$325 million, laying groundwork for the possible expansion of its U.S. operations.

The purchase would give Britain's largest food retailer 16 percent of Giant's equity and allow it to elect three of the seven directors of the company. Israel Cohen, Giant's chief executive, who is 82, will retain control of Giant.

Giant, hased in Landover. Maryland, operates 159 super-markets in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. The company made a profit be-fore tax last year of \$151.8 mil-lion on sales of \$3.57 hillion.

The stake in Giant strengthens Sainsbury's U.S. presence, complementing its 87-store Shaw's Supermarkets Inc. chain in New England.

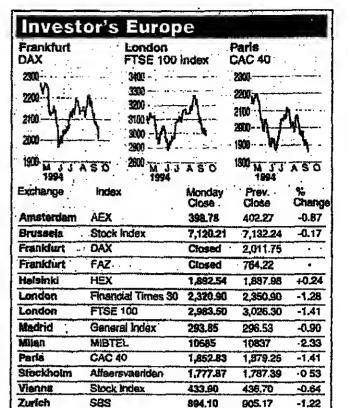
While Sainsbury does oot have any immediate plans to increase its stake, David Sainsbury, the company's chairman, would oot rule out buying Mr. Coben's 50 percent stake.

This is very much a first step, but if Mr. Cohen's stake comes on the market, or if be decides to sell his stake, we will look into the opportunities," Mr. Sainsbury said.

"This looks like the first step in a phased takeover of the company," Gary Vineburg, an analyst for Merrill Lynch, said.

Mr. Coben, whose father founded the company with Sam-uel Lehrman in 1935, owns 50 percent of the company's voting stock and has the right to elect four directors to Giant's board. Sainsbury will buy its shares from the Lehrman family.

The company said it would finance the investment in Giant Food from cash and bank bor-



Very briefly:

. Banesto, the Spanish bolding company that nearly collapsed in December, bad an 18 percent drop in its share price as a 2-for-1 rights issue opened.

• Russia's largest automobile factory, the AvtoVAZ plant at Togliatti, grou od to a halt as management sent 100,000 employees home with partial pay. Assembly-line workers have been striking, and management said the plant would be closed through Saturday and possibly looger.

• Royal Caribbean Cruise Line of Norway signed a letter of intent to order two 1,000-cabin eruise ships from GEC Alsthorn.

 Denmark's industrial production surged 9.8 percent, to 93.67 billioo kroner (\$15 billion) in the second quarter of 1994 after strong growth in the food and drinks industry.

• Casino dn Liban, a Lebanese gambling and entertainment center, said 74 international companies had applied for a \$50 million cootract to restore and operate it.

· Airbus Industrie said it expected aircraft demand over the next two decades to total 13,400 units and said it hoped to take 40 percent of a world market valued at \$1 trillion.

· Alcatel Alsthom SA said it woo a \$202 million contract to supply and lay a marine fiber optic cable linking Taiwan, the Philippines, Singapore and Malaysia.

 Zimbabwe's unemployment rate jumped from 37.2 percent to 44 percent between 1990 and 1993,

• Sweden's central bank said it was raising its discount rate by 1,5 rowings. Saiosbury shares points, to 7 percent. The rate, which plays a minor role, is fixed closed 3 pence higher at 403.

Reuters, AFP, Bloomberg, AFX

MARKETS: Stocks and Bonds Slump Across Europe SOUND: MiniDisc Battles Digital Compact Cassette for Top Market Spot

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banking giant Banesto SA after a rights offering to investors. Both indexes have lost almost all their gains during the summer and are ocar their lows for gust.

interest rates are taking over lyst at InterEuropa in Milan.

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the gains it was able to chalk up cerned those shares might fall during a rally in July and Au- also, traders said.

"Worries that the U.S. and shares plunged 11.07 points, to The SBC Index of Swiss bank the Bundesbank are set to raise 894.10, approaching its lowest level of the year amid declines again," said Luca Comi, an ana- in Union Bank of Switzerland and Roche Holdings AG.

In France, insurance stocks led the market lower amid reports that the government UBS last week, a major bolding might sell its controlling stake nancier, had spread to its common shares. Mr. Ebner also percent on Friday.

The CAC-40 Index was down bolds a major stake in Roche 26.42 points, at 1,852.83, mean- Holdings for his investment cliing that the index bas now lost ents and investors are con-

> Shares also fell in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway and Swe-

Government bond yields fol-lowed the yield on the 30-year Treasury, which rose to a high "it's so difficult to explain of 7.86 percent by the end of

The yield on the 10-year gilt rose to 8.91 percent from 8.80

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tial buyers by providing a chance to operate the new machines themselves. It has dispatched squadrons of sales people to busy street corners to lure maining 15 percent. The cheapest playback-only portable people into demonstration spaces and put coupons for decks retail for just under \$400.

the format and its advantages
— people get clogged up with
that, "said David Walstra, manager of Sony's MiniDisc promotion department. "But you
can find out by playing with it."

12 Month High Low Stock

prise about 60 percent of sales in Japan. Home decks make up 25 percent of sales, cars the re-

The company has also har. Matsushita Electric Industrial.

released more than 1,500 titles. Executives in charge of Digi-

Sony has also put emphasis be far more popular than it has major markets, the company is taking a more calibrated ap-

"At first we had the wrong idea to expand into all product categories and cover all geographic territories," said Tadashi Abe, general manager of Digital Compact Cassette planning at

nessed its affiliate Sony Music, which has taken the lead in issuing prerecorded software on MiniDisc. So far 73 labels have pioneered the format, are the main supporters of Digital

Compact Cassette.

taking a more calibrated approach. Matsushita's president, Yoicbi Morishita, insists the company would not drop Digital Compact Cassette, but insiders say the budget for Digital Compact Cassette is being cut.

In Japan, Matsushita will put little effort into selling portable units, focusing instead on midpriced boom boxes, which are ing in small spaces. In Europe, where there is a greater interest tal Compact Cassette, in con-trast, are revamping a strategy that assumed the format would ing characteristics of the world's as stand-alone decks.

Monday's Closing Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect ate trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Pres

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Nippon Mortgage Collapses Under **Mountain of Debt**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO - A medium-sized Japanese financial institution. Nippon Mortgage Co., filed Monday for liquidation in the third biggest business failure in Japanese postwar history, Teikoku Databank Ltd. said.

The private credit research agency said an extraordinary shareholders' meeting of Nip-pon Mortgage, which had debts of 518.4 billion yen (\$5 billion). had approved the filing with the Tokyo District Court.

The credit agency blamed the failure on Nippon Mortgage's huge nonperforming loans resulting from aggressive lending during the speculative "bubble economy" in the late 1980s. The company's foray into developing golf courses also failed.

In July, the company's main bank, Sumitomo Trust & Banking Co., said Nippon Mortgage intended to go into liquidation with debts of around 473 billion yen. A Sumitomo Trust spokesman said the move would not affect Sumitomo Trust's profit outlook but declined to say how much the bank had lent to Nippon Mortgage.

Analysts said signs that Japan's economy was recovering and stock prices firming had encouraged Japanese hanks to scrutinize the health of debtladen nonbanks to decide whether to continue support for their restructuring

"Banks' write-off efforts are shifting from their own actual bad loans to those of subsidiaries and related nonbanks, and they will increasingly write off bad loans, even if the borrower does not liquidate," said Katsuhito Sasajima, a banking analyst at Nikko Research Center.

Some analysis said there were fears that Nippon Mortgage's debt might have been even larger.

Nonbanks include consumer credit, corporate finance, leasing and housing loan concerns. They rely mostly on bank loans to finance their lending because they do not accept deposits.

Some nonhanks, such as Nippon Mortgage, are not closely affiliated to commercial banks Others, more tightly tied to their main banks, are more likely to get continued financial support for restructuring, financial sources said.

On Friday, for example, Mit-subishi Bank Ltd. said it had provided about 108 billion yen in additional financial support to its nonbank affiliates Dia-

mond Mortgage Co. and Diamond Factors Ltd. in the six months that ended that day. (Reuters, AFP)

revised to 1.4 million tons because of the shortage," he said.

government-recommended lev-

els in the past month because of

rising demand. Officials and an-

also be due to speculation.

alysts said the price rise could

The military has warned it

would take firm action against anyone found manipulating cement prices, which have soared

in recent weeks, the Republika daily newspaper reported.

A spokesman said investiga-

tions into the price rise were

Industry officials said cement

was being sold in major Indone-

sian provincial cities for around

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Cement prices have raced past

To Ease Cement Crisis

Jakarta Plans Imports

JAKARTA - Indonesia will import more cement to ease an acute shortage that has led to soaring domestic prices, a gov-ernment minister said Monday.

"We will look to import cement from anywhere, from China, Thailand or North Korea. We ask people to be patient because we are taking the right direction," Industry Minister Tungky Ariwibowo said.

Mr. Ariwibowo said the shortage was due to a heavy load of construction projects across the Indonesian archipelago.

He added that cement consumption had risen by 20 percent in the first eight months of the year.

"We predicted only 12 percent growth. You can imagine the shortages," Mr. Ariwibowo

He said imports of cement and clinker - hard hrick used to make cement -- would reach , 1.4 million metric tons this year.

"We had predicted imports of 1 million tons, but it was

Crime Explodes in China

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in China's boom

Consider these recent

By Steven Mufson Washington Post Service

BELIING - Named a "national model financial worker" in 1990, Huang Yilian, 56, is now an example of a different type.

Mr. Huang, president of the Industrial and Commercial Bank branch in the Fujian provincial city of Shishi, has been arrested along with seven colleagues on charges of stealing almost \$59,000, nearly half of which Mr. Huang allegedly took himself.

Mr. Huang's case is not an isolated one. One of the growth industries in China's booming economy bas been economic crime, and this summer the official press has been filled with stories of crime and punishment - of-

ten a death sentence. The pace of executions picked up in advance of Sat-urday's 45th anniversary of the Communist takeover, traditionally a time for purging

"bad elements." In one week last month, 90 people were killed in four mass executions, including a group of 45 in Wuhan. Last year, according to Amnesty International, China executed 2,500 people, most often with a bullet to the back of the head.

The severity of the sentences has done little to deter those seeking shortcuts to wealth. There were 20,000 cases of embezzlement and corruption in the first six months of 1994, an 81 percent increase from a year earlier, according to a government official.

At last week's Communist Party Central Committee plenum, top officials called for new vigor in the party's anticorruption campaign. But the party and govern-

ment face an uphill battle. To some extent, the wave of corruption is a function of raw capitalism after a period of strict regulation.

Chinese citizens once enjoyed, or suffered, a sort of equality of poverty. Corruption often involved the rationing of cheap or scarce

goods. But there is plenty of California, the Bank of China money to be made in China alleges that Mr. Sun, a lowlevel manager who never these days, and as long as typical urban salaries lanearned more than \$1,000 a guish around \$100 a month. year, conspired with three there is plenty of incentive for other bank officials to defraud the Bank of China of \$157 million. Temptation knows no

bounds. The money stolen may be a couple of hundred The group allegedly took advantage of a dual exdollars or tens of millions. change-rate policy that no The perpetrators range from longer exists. the lowliest clerks to senior

Certain Chinese companies importing goods or equipment were given a more favorable exchange rate. Mr. Sun and his friends are accused of forging documents so that they could change money to Chinese currency at one rate and then convert it back to dollars at the special favorable rate. pocketing profits that ran to at least \$44 million and stashing it in bank accounts in Switzer-

land, Australia and California. Many Chinese officials and executives apparently approve of the tough sentences.

For example, Liu Jianvi, 39, was executed by firing squad on July 28 in the south ern town of Shenzhen. In 1987, Mr. Liu had gone to work for Shenzhen Eastern Development Co., which was losing money and desperate for help. Mr. Liu said he could use his connections to help the company become an intermediary in the sale of corn and pharmaceuticals.

But when three companies paid Mr. Liu about \$165,000 for those products, he and another employee took the bulk of the money. When delivery was not made, the three companies contacted Shenzhen Eastern Development, and the plot was uncovered.

people could forge docu-Mr. Liu and two others were arrested but escaped by Because China is what the hribing guards. They intend-World Bank calls an "econoed to flee across the river to my in transition," its laws and Hong Kong, but Mr. Liu litregulations are in a constant erally missed the boat and state of flux, to the extent was recaptured.

Asked how he felt about who took advantage of the Mr. Liu's execution, the director of Shenzhen Eastern Development said he was In a case in federal court in "Happy. Yes, very happy."

China Aims To Triple Oil Imports In 6 Years

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche BELIING - China will need to triple its oil imports to 50 million metric tons a year by the end of this century to fuel its economic growth, the official China Daily reported Monday. China imported 16 million

tons of crude last year. By the year 2010, the world's most populous country will need to import 100 million tons of crude a year unless it finds massive new oil reserves, a government official told the news-The estimates are based on

8.5 percent annual economic growth from 1996 until 2000 and 7.5 percent expansion each year from 2001 to 2010. China's economy, which

grew 13.4 percent last year, is set for a double-digit rise again in 1994.

"For a considerable time, China's oil output has been unable to provide sufficiently for the nation's economic growth," State Council's development research center as saying.

The news will be welcomed by regional oil markets, which have been reeling since Beijing hanned imports of a range of oil products and centralized oil purchasing in May.

Mr. Li told the paper the slowdown in oil purchasing could only be a "temporary braking.

So far China has shown no pore said last week that even China's three leading national oil companies — Sinochem. Unipec and China Oil - were terms were not disclosed. unable to get import permits for refined oil products such as gasoline, naptha and gasoil.

China imports and exports crude to balance its needs for different grades of oil.

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Taiwan broadcaster last week.

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• Ayer Molek Rubber Co., a plantation company, is to be transformed into the financial services arm of Insas Blid., which bought a 30 percent stake in Ayer Molek after the plantation company sought to take over Bank Bumiputra Malaysia Bhd., according to local newspaper reports.

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the daily quoted Li Boxi of the . Japan's domestic sales of motor vehicles in September rose 6.4 percent from September 1993, to 471,582 units.

ABN-AMRO Bank bought the Thai assets of Bank of America (Asia) for an undisclosed sum and received approval for a full operation in Thailand.

- Japanese textile associations have asked the Ministry of International Trade and Industry to curb a flood of cheap textile imports battering the domestic industry, association officials said.

• Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp. plans to shift soone of its clerical work to China starting at the end of next year. • STAR TV said it had a higger share of the Taiwan market than Television Broadcasts Ltd., contradicting claims made by the

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last year, according to a survey of 300 banks by the international credit rating agency 1BCA.

 Minolta Corp. has established a strategic partnership with AM international Inc.'s AM Multigraphies division in which AM Multigraphics will distribute the Minolta CF-80 digital color (Bloomherg, Remers) copier, printer and scanner. Remers, AFP, Bloomhere, 4FA

Wharf Says Chinese Rules Threaten Port Project in Wuhan

investment rules could temper its plans zine.
to turn the central Chinese city of WuSo far, Mr. Li said, Wharf has investhan into a national transport hub.

tion, cable and lodging industries.

Chairman Gonzaga Li expressed frusstrip supply by 535,000 tons in tration that after two years, the project to 1995 and by 1.3 million tons in largest city and to upgrade its rail link to Hong Kong had not been approved. He said new Chinese government rules may not allow Wharf the control-

Contractors, producers, retailers and government officials are planning to meet this month to discuss measures to keep

HONG KONG - The chairman of need to tailor our plans accordingly," he stick its neck out, "said Donald Keyser, middle reaches of the Yangtze River and Wharf (Holdings) Ltd. said new Chinese was quoted as saying by Horizon maga- assistant director of research at Baring halfway along the Beijing-Guangzhou

ed little bard cash in infrastructure pro-Wharf is a Hong Kong real estate jects, saying it was waiting for planning company also active in the transportal approval. China's planning commission has

been at the center of controversy over new limits on foreign stakes and returns build a container port in China's fourth from infrastructure projects.

Let 1992, Wharf said it wanted to turn

Wuhan into "the Chicago of China" by pumping as much as \$1 billion into transport-related projects. It also said ling stake it wants in the project and may limit rates of returns to unacceptaon links with that hub.

"The Chinese wanted something big he said.

"If that proves to be correct, we may and dramatic, but Wharf is not going to Securities. He said Wharf only planned to railway. pump capital into the port project in stages when capacity goals are mel

Wharf is already pulling back from Wuhan. Mr. Li said that in April Wharf pulled out of negotiations to build a light rail system in the city because of poor terms. But he said this had no connection with the transport hub plans

and that Wharf was still "very enthusiasuc" about the city. "Wuhan is a key hub in China's national transport infrastructure, and as China grows, Wuhan will grow with it."

■ Hutchison Plans Bond Issue

Wuhan is at China's crossroads, in the

Hutchison Whampoa Ltd. said it

planned to issue \$250 million of 7 percent mandatorily exchangeable guaranteed bonds, with an additional \$50 million possible depending on demand, Reuters reported.

Hutchison Delta Port Ltd. An initial public offering of the shares is expected dia Ltd., Shipping Corp. of Into take place on or before the seventh dia and Mahanagar Telephone anniversary of the bonds' issue.

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NEW DELHI - The government invited bids Monday for stock worth a total of about \$110 million in seven state-controlled companies.

The government is selling between 5 percent and 20 percent of the companies' shares.

The concerns in which the state is selling stakes are Con-The bonds are exchangeable into shares of wholly owned subsidiary Ltd., Oil and Natural Gas Commission, Steel Authority of In-Nigam Ltd.

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New York Debut for a China Power Firm

By Laurence Zuckerman

New York Times Service NEW YORK -- China wants to finance the expansion of its cash-starved electric power industry by selling part of the business directly to foreign investors.

But whether that strategy succeeds may depend a lot on what happens this week when American depositary receipts for shares in Huaneng Power International Inc. begin trading on the New York Stock Ex-Huaneng Power is only the

second Chinese utility to be listed overseas - and its biggest obstacle is its predecessor, which has a similar name, Shandong Huaneng Power Development Co.

Since it began trading in August, Shandong Huaneng has fallen more than 15 percent from the \$14.25 offering price for each of its ADRs. Much of the decline has occurred in recent weeks as executives from Huaneng Power and Lehman Brothers, the new issue's chief underwriter, have been crisscrossing the United States courting investors.

Analysis and fund managers say that either Huaneng Power hand, is a subsidiary of a Chiis so much better than Shandong Huaneng that investors formed in 1985 to construct and are bailing out of the earlier issue to sign up for the new one, or investors in Shandong Huaneng see a second disaster looming and are cutting their losses.

Comparing the two companies, one is tempted to conclude that the first theory is true. 31.250,000 ADRs, one of the at Jardine Fleming Asia Re-

ever. Half the receipts are ear-

respond to questions about the issue, hut fund managers say the expected offering price ranges from \$22.50 to \$27.50 for each ADR, for a total of

\$703 million to \$859 million. Huaneng Power owns and operates five coal-fired power stations in one of the fastestgrowing markets for electric ower. The company already has plans to develop or acquire eight additional plants.

The company owns and manages plants in five Chinese provinces, whereas Shandong Huaneng effectively is a hold-ing company for assets owned by the Provincial Power Authority in Shandong Province in northeast China.

The higgest criticism of Shandong Huaneng was that it was created from state assets for the purpose of being listed in New York.

The offering's prospectus, prepared by lead manager CS First Boston, contained only one year of pro forma financial records, or estimates of how the company would have fared had it been in existence.

Huaneng Power, on the other nese state company that was operate power stations at a profit using imported powergenerating equipment. Its pre-liminary prospectus supplies three years of actual financial statistics.

"This is a real prospectus," said Sheldon Kasowitz, region-Lehman is offering alutilities analyst and a director largest Chinese stock issues search in Hong Kong. Mr. Kasowitz and others also

tates and Canada.

agement. Li Xiaopeng, the 35- year, for example, the govern-Lehman Brothers declined to year-old vice president, is the ment devalued its currency, the son of Prime Minister Li Peng. yuan, by 33 percent overnight. Such connections are highly prized in China, although they can become a liability if the political winds shift.

But like Shandong Huaneng Huaneng Power has at least two serious drawbacks: currency risk and an uncertain regulatory environment. Because the company is sell-

ings are in local currency. Lehman is trying to hedge the currency risk by factoring a 7 percent devaluation into the arms. ing electricity to provincial The Undersigned announces that power authorities, all its earn-the Annual Report 1994 of rency risk by factoring a 7 percent devaluation into the financial projections it has made KAS-ASSOCIATIE N.V. for the company.

But with inflation in China still raging and a murky economic and political picture ahead, 7 percent could end up

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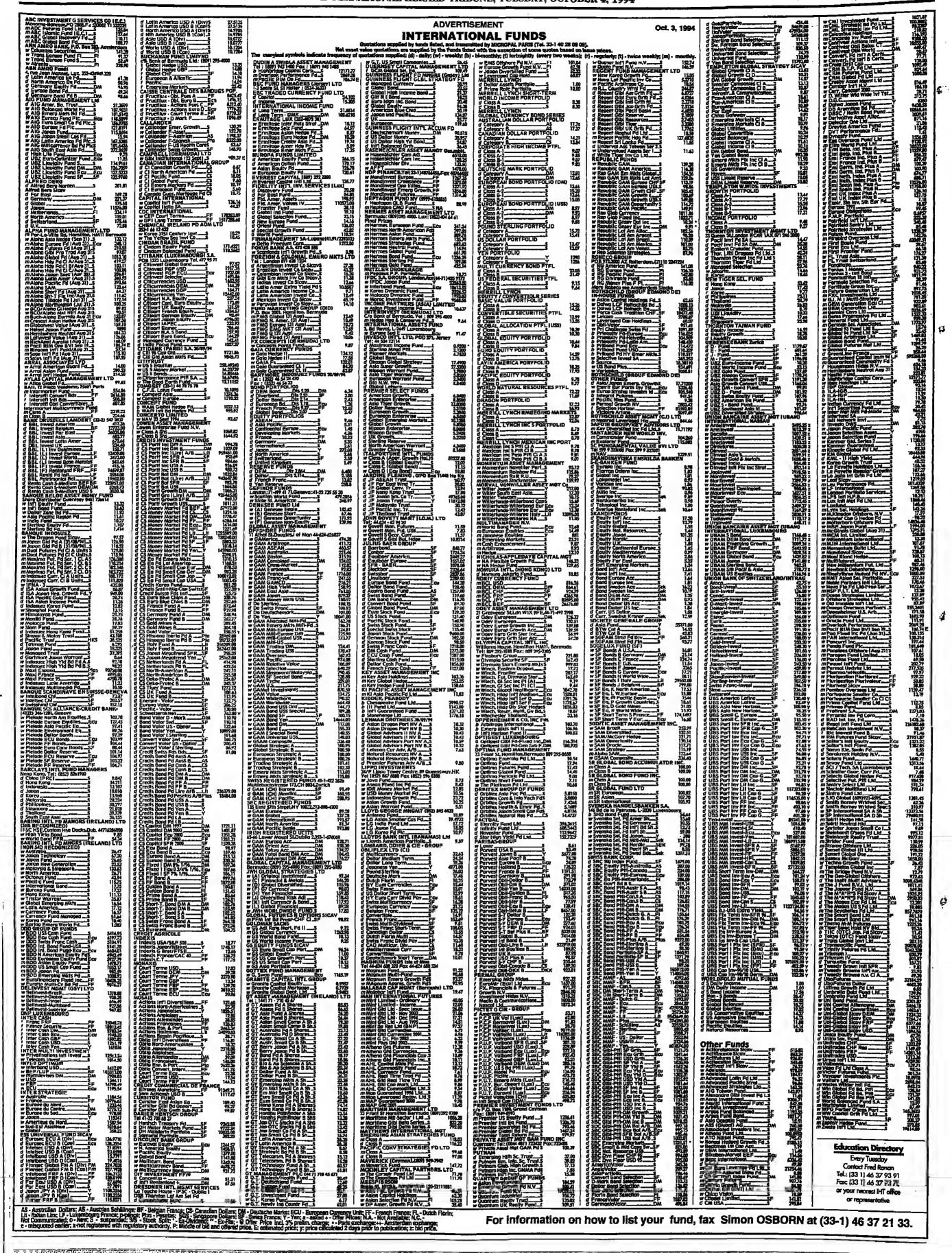
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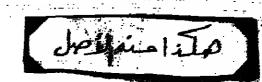
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Global Banking and Finance

Will Japan's Banks Play Bit Part on Global Stage?

By Steven Brull

OKYO -- The worst may be over for Japanese banks. The trillions of yen in bad dehi created by the collapse of the economic bubble of the late 1980s are slowly but steadily being cleaned up.

But over the long term, even after operating profits begin to recover in two to three years, there is little reason to expect Japanese hanks - the world's richest to come roaring back.

For one thing, while banks are making provisions to write down their bad dehts to market levels, much less is actually being written off. The reckoning is being dragged out in a process that could easily stretch into the next century, but in the meantime banks will tie up capital that could be used more productively.

More important, though, Japanese banks are only slowly emerging from the cocoon of government regulation. A herd mentality; an over-emphasis on loan growth over asset quality, and barriers to new markets will make Japanese banks less profitable, less diversified and less formidable than their Western rivals in

the future, analysts say
"The Ministry of Finance has spoiled its children, but now it doesn't want to see them grow up," said Alicia Ogawa, an analyst at Salomon Brothers. "Japanese banks will look pretty sad by international standards."

The go-slow approach is being dictated by the Ministry of Finance, whose overriding aim is to provide stability to the financial system. That may be a worthy goal, one that will lessen the pain experienced in the late 1980s and early 1990s when bankers in the United States and Europe securitized or foreelosed had loans to less-developed countries and property

But it will come at a cost of reduced profits for Japanese banks. That will make them stingier lenders when the Japanese economy picks up and loan demand increases. Japanese economic growth could

In many ways, the hanks are victims of history. Until less than a decade ago, they operated in a highly regulated, low-interest-rate environment with a clear function: culling excess savings and channeling them to big companies. They also served as stanle shareholders, allowing companies to skate by with minimal divi-

With stock and property prices on a seemingly endless incline, corporate dis-closure opaque by Western standards, and interest rates regulated at artificially low levels, conformist, non-creative management reigned.

Bank managers competed to boost fund volume, and paid little attention to risk-assessment. The strategy culminated in the late 1980s with a reckless stampede of lending backed largely hy real estate and stocks, which plummeted in value when the hubble economy collapsed in the early

The result was a mountain of had deht which the government estimates at nearly 14 trillion yen [\$143 hillion at current exchange rates). Private-sector analysts put the figure several times higher.

Betsy Daniels, an analyst at Morgan Stanley, reckons that Japan's 2t largest city, trust and long-term credit banks are saddled with about 40 trillion yen in baddebt. Of this, about 20 trillion will eventually have to be written off. So far only about one-third has been: it will take another two to three years to dispose of the remaining sum.

To come up with the money. Japanese hanks are selling real-estate holdings in the United States and taking profits on some of their domestic equity holdings. They are also withdrawing from loan markets in Europe. shifting instead to capital markets. But most of the money will be drawn from operating profits.

"They've owned up to their halance sheets and are working out the problem."

Ms. Daniels said. "But all of their operating profit over the next couple of years will be used to cover writedowns and provisions for non-performing assets."

Still, much of the problem is only being swept under the rug, not disposed of. While banks are accumulating reserves to cover expected losses, losses will only be booked gradually in a process that could take a decade. A faster approach could adversely affect the property market. In the meantime, capital will be tied up.

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Prosperity Tastes Bland To European Lenders

By Erik Ipsen

ONDON - Low inflation and moderate economic growth, the stuff of every self-respecting European finance minister's dreams, is proving to be at best a mixed blessing for Europe's bankers.

Yes, the return to economic expansion has boosted bank earnings by allowing bankers to slash the amount of money they put aside for dodgy dehts. But at the same time this new and particularly bland brand of prosperity has both delayed and diluted hankers' crucial expectations of a return to rising loan demand.

"If it were not for falling bad debts these hanks would be going backwards in terms of profits," said John Tyce, an analyst at Societé Génerale Strauss Turnbull in London. If you believe in low inflation you can hardly believe in a return to rapid loan growth

Many observers suggest that may not be oad at all. They point out that loans piled willy rully onto bank's books in the heady days of scaring growth as well as of asset prices have always soured at alarming rates come the inevitable recession. More moderately paced growth, goes the argument, allows bankers to pay more attenAt the moment, bankers from Bristol to Barcelona would be grateful for any growth in lending volumes at all. On the Continent, where the economic recovery is yet young, any tevival in loan demand is

widely reckoned to be at least a year away.

Some wonder if it will ever come. "I suspect there might be a break in the postwar pattern," said Derrick Chambers. banking analyst at James Capel, "Low inflation may mean bank credit is just not

nceded as much " In Britain, corporate liquidity now stands at record levels as the recovery boosts profits. What is more, with monejary authorities keeping a tight lid on the economy there is bille need for companies to undertake massive new investments to gear up. Similarly in France corporate free cash flow now stands at nearly 115

percent of spending.

In Europe, what little in the way of new business that has emerged this year has heen pounced upon by the banks, with profit-crishing results. Demand for mortgages and for finance for local government bodies have been the only two bright spots this year.

To the delight of borrowers, the standpede of willing lenders in their direction has caused spreads on loans to local an-

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In the '90s, Mergers Help Firms Get Back to Basics

By Lawrence Malkin

EW YORK — Meiger manta has returned to Wall Street in a much saner form than the deals driven by debt and ego that left American business gasping for profits af-ter the gilded 1980s.

This wave is basen on cutting overhead and reorganizing production and management to meet global competition, the foundation of successful American business strategy since the banker LP Morgan masterminded the first reorganization of

corporate America a century ago In Morgan's day it was such basic industries as steel and aluminam that his hank rationalized and put together. Now

the industries ripe for consolidation are health care, where companies paying the costs for their workers demand that costs be cut with or without the participation of the U.S. government' defense, where me end of the Cold War has downsized the Pentagon and its suppliers, financial ser-vices, because Congress has just passed a law permitting interstate banking and the information superhighway businesses. which are trying to discover where the road is going even as they struggle to assemble the right corporate vehicle to

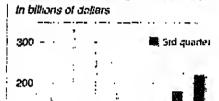
build it. By midyear the value of domestic mergers announced publicly stood at \$1316 billion, up sharply from \$105.5 billion at the same point in 1993, according to Securities Data Co. The number of deals was

3.843, compared with 3,179 a year ago Martin Sikora, editor of Mergers & Acquisitions Magazine who teaches the subject at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business, said the numbers are certain to escalate, because mergers usually are more numerous in the second Italf of the year

Not all mergers are going through un-tess the price is right. Lawrence A. Tisch walked away from a deal to merge CBS Inc. one of America's premier television actworks, with QVC Inc., an upstart home shopping network, when one of QVC's owners demanded a better deal

Some of the same players of the 1980s are in the front lines, but their financial

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Are Derivatives a Blessing or a Burden? Regulators Want to Know More

By Baie Netzer

EPENDING on whom you speak to, derivatives are either the latest saviors or the threatening destroyers of the financial world. Though they have ballooned to a sizable chunk of the financial marketplace, few people understand them.

Those who sing their praises include executives at large commercial banks and securities firms where instruments such as futures and opdons can account for more than a third of trading income. Legislators and regulators, bowever, aren't so sure of the blessings. To the dismay of many derivative dealers, industry watchdogs are demanding more oversight of the market.

Just last week, central bankers asked publicly traded companies to voluntarily disclose more about their exposure to financial risks, including those to derivaoves. The request from the Bank for International Settlements, was aimed at creating a single, accepted code of conduct for international companies, which are grappling with incompatible national accounting standards and differing requests from regulators and industry groups.

In July, Edward J. Markey, a Democrat-

ic member of the U.S. House of Representatives, proposed legislation that would increase the power of the Securities and Exchange Commission to set capital and other requirements for derivative operations at insurance and securities firms. Mr. assets'. You certainly won't learn anything Markey declared derivatives part of a "new about the company's credit risk. And world of cyberfinance," brought about by

recent developments in technology.
In addition, the House Banking Committee chairman, Henry B. Gonzalez, has co-sponsored a bill with Representative James A. Leach. The proposal addresses capital, accounting, disclosure and suitability issues for banks that trade in derivatives. Capitol Hill observers say both the Markey and the Gonzalez-Leach bills will die without action this year but they are almost sure to be reintroduced before a newly elected Congress in January. To appease legislators, industry groups

have begun issuing their own proposals. Guidelines for managing the risks of de-rivatives were issued in July by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision and the Technical Committee of the International Organization of Securities Commissions. The Fair Accounting Standards Board hopes a draft expanding existing disclosure requirements for American banks will be effective by the end of the vear. And in an attempt to set world-wide standards, the Institute of International Finance issued detailed disclosure recommendations last August.

"Accounting standards simply haven't kept up with the growth in derivatives," says Chris Matten, a co-chair of the Institute of International Finance's working group. "A company's derivative activity can disappear under a heading for 'other since banks in different countries report differently, there's no way of comparing tbem.'

Among the most controversial issues being debated about derivatives is the question of "suitability." Some legislators argue that, just like mutual fund companies that sell sbares to individual investors, derivative dealers must ensure that their customers understand the products they purchase and they must be warned about potenoal risks. Banks and securities firms argue that guaranteeing a deriva-tive's "suitability" for a corporate customer ignores the role of treasurers. Of course a company will be bappy as long as derivatives profit, the argument goes. But if n move in the market causes sudden losses, a company might turn around and sue the bank that sold it derivatives.

Many argue that new laws simply aren't necessary. "I'm concerned that derivatives have been singled out for legislation when most of the risks they carry are the same as any other financial product," says Gay Evans, a managing director of Bankers Trust International in London.

While some firms make money simply by selling or trading derivatives, banks and other corporations may also use derivatives to hedge against the price movements of commodities, securities, currencies or interest rates. Yet while experts agree that derivatives can help a corporation manage business risks, a number of high-profile fiascos have fueled concern among government officials.

The American consumer-products giant Procter & Gamble Co. earlier this year lost \$157 million on interest-rate swaps. Last December, German mining and engineering conglomerate Metallgesellschaft AG announced \$860 million in losses due to oil-futures trading at its New York subsidiary. Io February, the hedge fund manager George Soros lost \$600 million in

A number of those who trade derivatives professionally admit that recent beadlines do cause misgivings. "I'm not so concerned when Soros loses a small amount of money because I know the larger gains he's made over the long term," says Peter Huri, managing director at Kenmar International, a money manager specializing in futures. "But if a corporation like Procter & Gamble can lose so much money without top management knowing about it, then I'd say that's a

In general, regulators have two main concerns. First, because derivatives are often considered "off-balance sheet" transactions, it is difficult for shareholders, financial analysts and regulators to know the risk a company has assumed in the derivatives market.

A second and more global issue involves the booming market for privately negotiated over-the-counter derivatives cause the true size of the over-the-counter market is difficult to estimate, the consequences of a major player's bankruptcy or a studden loss of liquidity are also hard to foresee. Could derivatives cause a finan-

cial meltdown? Under pressure from investors and regulators. American banks began increasing their derivative disclosure two years ago. But while experts say U.S. companies still have a ways to go, they believe European and Japanese banks present the larger problem. These banks often reveal only the so-called "notional amount" of their derivative portfolio.

Because they are the only measures widely available, notional values are used to calculate the oft-touted derivative market estimates ranging from \$10 to 20 trillion. But because they reveal little about the actual amount of money a company risks losing on its derivatives, experts say the buge notional numbers printed in financial statements have helped to fuel the fear that derivatives might lead to a finan-

cial catastrophe.

Notional numbers are an indication of activity but they have nothing to do with the amount of capital that is at risk," says Ms. Evans. "The current exposure of a derivative is its replacement cost and that's usually closer to 2 percent of the notional amount.

In a derivative known as an interestrate swap, for instance, Bank A might

that are not tracked by exchanges. Be- agree to pay Bank B a fixed rate of 10 percent on a notional amount of \$1 mil-\$ lion. Io exchange, Bank A receives a variable rate of interest on the same amount. If interest rates have risen to 12 percent at the end of the contract, Bank A will still owe Bank B 10 percent but this obligation is offset by the 12 percent that Bank A is due to receive. In the end, only the difference between the two rates, or two percent of \$1 million, will change hands. The \$1 million "notional" amount of the contract is used solely to calculate payments.

HE IIF has proposed disclosure of the so-called net replacement value of a derivative or the amount a company might lose if its partner in a derivative contract went bankrupt. But while many in the industry agree that this number will help investors and analysts judge one type of risk, few believe it reveals the greatest risk attached to derivatives

There have been very few cases of counterparties going bankrupt but there have been cases of large losses due to the market moving suddenly," says James Johnson, partner at the U.S. accounting firm Deloitte & Touche. 'So far, there is absolutely no consensus about how banks should measure and disclose the market risk of their derivatives."

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Companies Seeking Capital Head to America's Over-the-Counter Market

By Ann Brocklehurst

N a search for capital that is hard or impossible to come by in their home markets, a growing number of foreign companies are raising funds by listing on the Nasdaq stock market in the United States.

While the sharp rise in foreign companies listed on Nasdaq, a computerized market with no trading floor, has made it better known internationally, executive vice president John Wall attributes the recent growth to equity market conditions rather than Nasdaq's marketing efforts. "It's nothing we have done," he said. "It's truly a question of cost of capital."

So far this year, 37 foreign concerns bave listed either their shares or American Depositary Receipts on Nasdaq, compared with a record 71 in 1993 and bringing the total of international securities to 345, the most of any American market. The companies represented range from giants like Toyota Motor Corp. to newcomers like the Chilean brewery Compania Cervecerias Unidas SA.

The majority of foreign companies are also listed on their bome markets, but a significant number have only the Nasdaq

listing either because their products are best known in the United States or because their domestic markets are illiquid or trade no comparable stock.

The Luxembourg-based Scandinavian Broadcasting System SA, which raised \$62 million with its initial public offering on Nasdaq in March 1993, has almost nn American ties other than its Nasdaq listing. It operates and manages television stations in the Scandinavian commercial market through subsidiaries and was brought to market by the European venture capital group Alta Berkeley Associates. The broadcaster considered listing in both London and Scandinavia, but decided that as a growth company barely breaking even and being valued largely on the strength of its future cash flows, it would be better off on Nasdaq, where such stories are fairly common.

"We have never taken a company public in Europe," said Alta Berkeley's Bryan Wood. "If you really do have a hot deal or an interesting deal, you really can get better pricing in the U.S."

Mr. Wood says that while European mutual funds and institutional investors tend to operate on a geographical basis, U.S. funds are more focused on specific industries in which they have expertise. "When we did take companies public in the U.S., a large percentage of the buyers were sector or small cap funds and the number of these funds in Europe is relatively small.

Many of the foreign companies listing on Nasdaq are in the high technology, biotechnology and telecommunications businesses, areas where American companies such as Microsoft Corp. and MCI Communications Corp. have helped make Nasdaq an important market.

Michael Halloran, a director at Alex. Brown & Sons Ltd.'s London office, says there is a whole infrastructure in the United States for emerging companies that doesn't yet exist in Europe. "In biotech-nology, there are more than 200 publicly traded companies, research analysts, institutional money that is smart about the industry, and traders and brokers wbo make markets and liquidity for these com-panies," be said. "With all of that infrastructure, you achieve liquidity. You don't have that in Europe."

While Nasdaq requires companies to have a minimum of two market makers, most foreign companies have an average of 11. Market makers, such as Alex. Brown, which is based in Baltimore, are allowed to sponsor stocks as well as trade them, issuing research reports and recommendations. And their willingness to commit themselves financially to a stock often plays an important role in its performance.

Despite the current consensus that companies in many different technology sectors can achieve valuations and raise capital in the United States that is impossible to obtain in their home markets, there is also the caveat that foreign companies on Nasdaq trade at a discount to their domestic counterparts. Nasdaq's Mr. Wall says this is a charge that various studies bave shown to be untrue unless a foreign company is being tight-lipped about its finances.

"We found information is really a key because U.S. investors, particularly institutional investors, are used to receiving that information and talking to manage ment," he said.

Although foreign companies listing on American exchanges are treated with some leniency by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, they must still bring their financial statements in line with U.S. generally accepted accounting procedures. In many cases, this means publishing the performance details of different operational and geographic divisions for the first time.

Nasdag's Non-U.S. Leaders Nasdaq-listed non-U.S. companies ranked by market capitalization, in billions of dollars: LM Ericsson Telephone Co. Sweden \$3.79 Reuters Holdings PLC U.K. Methanex Corp. Canada 3.38 MacMillan Bloedel Cenade : 1.79

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Not surprisingly, some 150 Canadian companies, which are familiar with American business practices and the huge market next door, make up the largest contingent of foreign firms on Nasdaq. Further afield but also highly tuned to the U.S. market are some 50 Nasdaq-listed Israeli firms, mostly in the computer and soft-

Included among the British companies listed, which also number approximately

50, are the confectionary and soft drinks manufacturer Cadbury Schweppes PLC and the news and financial information service Reuters Holdings PLC. Mr. Wall noted that Reuters, which trades ADRs representing a bundle of its ordinary shares as do most of the bigger foreign companies, often bas a bigger daily trading volume on Nasdaq than in London.

ASDAQ is also home to Petersburg Long Distance Inc., the company billed as "the first Russian equity opportunity when it listed on the market with a secondary stock placement in 1993. With its main offices in London, where it trades over the counter, and Toronto, where it is listed on the local exchange, the company provides international and domestic telecommunications services to St. Petersburg through an associate company. "What we felt was that in the emerging telecommunications market, a Nasdaq listing is important if you want U.S funds to move into the stock," said the company's president and chairman, Rupert Galliers-Pratt.

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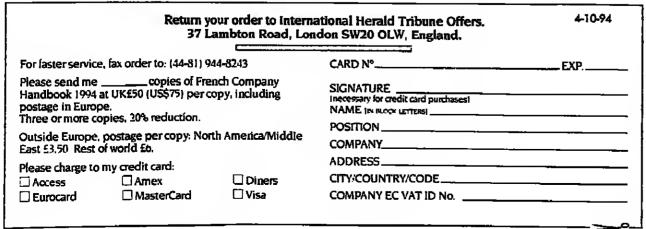
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Weak Prospects for European Banks

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thorities to collapse from 90 basis points, or hundredths of a percentage point, to as little as 50 basis points. Margins on mortgage lending showed a similar half a percentage point contraction.

Such performances bave raised fears once again that Europe's overcrowded banking markets are in for a bruising ride. "We will be stuck with too many banks in Europe for some time," said Ian McEwen, an analyst with Merrill Lynch. Compounding that problem, some analysts are now forecasting a steep rise in bank capital beginning in Britain where the economic rebound is furthest along.

With too many banks and too much capital sloshing around in the system, analysts are worried that something must give. Rod Barrett, a banking analyst at Goldman Sachs talks of a "golden sce-nario" in Britain whereby moderate loan demand and excellent profits from slimmeddown banks would allow them to build up buge amounts of excess capital. "That would be good for bank shares," he notes. "But unfortunately the world does not work that

Instead, he predicts that rising competition will squeeze bank margins severely by the latter half of the decade. Others worry that bulging bank coffers will propel bank bosses in dangerous directions. Mer-rill's Mr. McEwen notes that most British banks are already on the prowl for acquisitions. In Britain too many bankers

More sanguine observers predict that European banks will follow the pattern set by many U.S. banks in recent months. There, a surge in bank profits and a lack of profitable outlets for accumulated earnings has led many banks to shell out a portion of those gains in the form of higher dividends and share buy-back

On a cautionary note, the recent and long-awaited reviv-al in the demand for bank credit in America bas been seized upon with excessive zeal by lenders. Late last month, the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Alan Greenspan, noted in Congressional testimony that bank lending standards were already falling. In Europe, banks also face

rising pressure on the hability side of their balance sheets. In France, notes John Raymond, a director of IBCA, the bankcredit-rating agency, banks "have been hit by the growth of mutual funds." Similarly, he points out that German banks now face growing competition for deposits from the newly legalized money funds. Europe's banks also face

growing competition in the corporate lending market. Revitalized American banks have been pouring back into the European lending market in recent months, helping to drive margins on large corporate lending from a high of 100 basis points last year to virtually

nothing at present.

In addition, big American merchant banks, led by firms like Goldman Sachs and Morstill believe that, as be puts it, gan Stanley, have continued to

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"It is far better to have a bigger win business away from Eu-bank than a richer sharehold-rope's largest universal banks." many threats and having so lit-tle in the way of profitable notes David Hunt, a partner at Mckinsey & Co. in London, those banks still dominated

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their national markets. Now, he says, "while the largest bank m each market is bolding its own, the second-tier banks are getting beaten back severely."
With an array of products that outstrips anything that all but the largest European banks can offer, and with access to the capital markets around the

> stealing ever-increasing slices of the European large corporate market. Even worse, Mr. Hunt labels past attempts by European banks to move into merchant banking by targeting specific products such as Eurobonds "a

globe that virtually none can

recipe for disaster." Whereas merchant bankers excel at moving capital and staff into new, hot products and out of areas that have become mere commodity services, commercial banks typically cast multiyear plans in stone. "This is not a business

where 10-year plans get you anywhere," insists Mr. Hunt. nywhere," insists Mr. Hunt. respondent of the International With European facing so Herald Tribune.

As recently as five years ago, lending opportunities, analysts express little surprise at investors' unwillingness to snap up the banks' shares. After a robust run last year in which British bank shares for instance outperformed the market by 35 percent, the tide has turned with a vengeance.

Powered by rising interest rates in the United States, European bank stocks underperformed their respective national stock markets by an amazingly uniform 10 percent in the first half of this year. The mood has definitely changed, said Goldman's Mr. match, the Americans are

Barrett. "People have gone off the banks in a big way," he said. Overhanging the market are fears that in the mature banking markets of Europe, where overcapacity is still the rule, banks face an increasingly fractious future.

"The outlook for traditional lending in Europe is not nice," said Stefan Arrouays, an analyst for Barclay's deZoete Wedd in Paris.

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creating a drag on profitability

and many lost opportunities.

Without doubt, the experience of the bubble and a slowly liberalizing regulatory envi-ronment is making Japanese bankers more concerned with risk-assessment and profitability. Fuji Bank, for example, says 100 percent of its corporate lending is priced accord-ing to risk. Mitsubishi Bank and Sanwa Bank use creditrisk pricing for 25-30 percent

Japanese banks are trying to balance risk and returns." said Yoshinobu Yamada, an analyst at CS First Boston.

But many banks, including Sakura Bank, one of Japan's biggest, have yet to factor in risk in setting interest rates on loans. That may limit the extent to which other banks can price loans higher for riskier

The attitude towards credit is still very Japanese," said Ms. Ogawa, "Banks never look at somebody we know, do you have collateral? If so, we can give you a loan."

At the same time, although the Finance Ministry's policies may be containing the problem and providing stability, bank managers are being kept busy with the protracted procedures and have little time left to de-vise more innovative strategies or new financial instruments. Moreover, the ministry con-

tinues to prohibit the banks from entering lucrative businesses such as selling mutual funds or insurance products or issuing credit cards. Banks have been permitted to enter the securities business, but restrictions and excessive competition in the field will ensure that this remains a small aspect of their business for years.

"The biggest global advan-tage of Japanese banks is that they sit in a market that bas too much money — that's it," Ms. Daniels said. "They're not competitive for new products or financial expertise."

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By Conrad de Aenlle TOCKHOLM — The long convalescence of

the Scandinavian banking system is nearly completed. The staggering vol-ume of bad loans, which put a number of banks into insolvency, forcing government rescues, has mostly been written off the books. Banks are profitable again and, with their balance sheets back in decent shape, many are looking to ex-

pand at home and abroad. The last year has been an especially good one. Swedisb banks, for instance, suffered credit losses totaling 120 billion kronor, or about \$15 bil-lion, in 1992 and 1993. This year, by contrast, the major banks are making money.

Banks in Denmark largely escaped the fate of their oorthem oeighbor. Although the four largest banks all lost mon-ey in 1992, the losses were gen-Terally mild, and recovery was speedy. The exception was the country's second-largest lender, Unibank, which managed to lose money three years run-ning, culminating in 1992 in a record loss for the Danish

banking industry.

Norwegian banks were the first in the region to climb into their hole and they are leading the way out as well, banking analysts say. "They started recovering last year and turned from large losses in 1992 to profitability last year; '93 was their best year ever," said Sig-mund Halland, who follows Scandinavian banks for Enskilda Securities. He noted that Christiania, which he called the most bankrupt of all of them," and Den norske Bank, the country's largest, had raised money through new

> Den oorske reported oet income in the first half of 1.5 billion kroner, or about \$215 million, compared with 942 million kroner for all of 1993. In the two years before, the bank lost a combined 7 billion

The laggards in the region are Finnish banks. The commodity-based economy suffered the most severe downturn, and banks such as Postipankki and Kansallis-Osake have shown losses for three straight years.

Through their convulsive ups and downs, banks across Scandinavia - and their depositors, shareholders and govcraments - have been the victims, and lately the beneficiaries, of roughly the same set of economic and regulatory circumstances.

Nordic banks had always been tightly controlled. They

too much risk or to make too much money. Then, in the 1980s, came the first wave of deregulation. Loan demand shot up, and so did the Scandinavian economies.

"Banks were not used to being competitive in market terms," explained Patrik Tillman, an analyst at the broker-age Alfred Berg. "The way to increase market share was to

don. With so much money being pumped into the property

couldn't pay back their ootes, and the banks were stuck with the bad debts.

"The rules for the market had totally changed," Mr. Till-man said of Sweden. "We went from high to low inflation, as the government's aim was to fix the currency" to the stronger currencies in Europe. "Almost a whole industry went bankrupt after a time of huge

Although the tide turned too late for many, it did turn. Interest rates across the region plummeted, making the cost of credit cheaper for banks and their borrowers. It also drove up the value of the banks' port-

Now the banks are prudent by necessity. The lingering re-cession in Scandinavia has dried down loan demand in Nor-way and Sweden. The value of ontstanding loans at Den norske Bank, for instance, fell

During 1993, the value of outstanding bank loans in Sweden declined nearly 20 percent, to 738 billion kronor, according to the government sta-tistics bureau. Much of that decline was due to the debts of insolvent banks being wiped off the books in bailouts.

Elsewhere, loan business is holding up. The portfolios of Denmark's two biggest banks, Den Danske and Unibank, increased during 1993, although they are off from their peaks in 1990. Finnish banks bave had

U.S. Firms See Mergers As Move Back to Basics

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strategy is more sober. Henry Kravis, the raider who paid more than \$25 billion for the tobacco and food conglomerate RJR Nabisco five years ago in a move so audacious it was chronicled in newspaper head-lines, a book and a movie, took over the ailing Borden Co. this month in an unheralded stock

Mr. Kravis's partnership, which invests money for institutions, had so revived RJR Nabisco that he was able to trade \$2 billion of its stock for a match with all of Borden. The company, founded in 1858 by the inventor of condensed milk, is spread so thin in downmarket areas of dairy, food, chemicals and even glue that it was unable to turn a profit last

year on \$5.5 billion in sales. Other seasoned veterans of the 1980s have returned to the negotiating table with the skills that made them rich in the 1980s but not the junk-bond financing with interest payments that almost sank some of the conglomerates they created. American Home Products plans to raise money from a credit line syndicated through Chemical Bank to buy out American Cyanamid's shareholders for \$9.7 billion in cash, then sell off its agricultural and pesticide units to create a pharmaceutical and patent medicine giant.

American Home was advised by Eric Gleacher, an attack dog for Morgan Stanley's mergers in the 1980s who now runs his own New York boutique backed by Deutsche Bank and its British arm, Morgan Grenfell. His principal role, like many of experienced dealmakers of the 1980s, was to bring the disparate and often warring companies together and take charge of tough negotiations - and that is one reason he is less prominent; hostile takeovers are few.

Friendly mergers are the overwhelming majority, and the currency of choice is common stock. Low prices make mergers more attractive when the aim is buying market share to take advantage of a growing

make real estate loans." The banks went on a lending binge, with quantity counting more than quality. Not only banks, but insurers and other finance companies, started to make loans with reckless aban-

market, prices shot higher. Then the bubble burst. Currency controls were lifted and money started to be sent abroad. The recession came next. Inflation fell sharply. At about the same time, the top income tax rate was slashed in Sweden. The deduction for

mortgage interest was not worth what it bad been.

All of a sudden, real estate was not a sure thing. Indeed, prices fell by 50 percent in Stockholm. Borrowers

folios of government bonds.

14 percent during 1993.

economy — or, in the case of the defense iodustry — a shrinking onc.

So far the year's biggest merger is the \$11 billion exchange of stock to merge Martin Marietta Corp. and Lockheed Corp., the natioo's second and third largest weapons makers. The goal of the merger is to offer a full line of aviation, aerospace and avion-ic gear not only to the Pentagon but also to buyers abroad in competition against statesubsidized national champions. To the degree that governments subsidize their own domestic producers, vowed Norman R. Augustine, Martin Marietta's chairman, "we are going to make it more costly for them by cutting our costs."

Many other mergers have

the obvious theme of size and back-to-basics themes. Burlington Northern Inc. and Santa Fe Pacific Corp. are swappiog stock valued at \$4.2 billion to create the largest rail-road company in the United States, covering most of the United States west of the Mississippi River. American Express Co., pulling back under new management from a decade of ill-conceived expaninto financial services agreed to buy the 400 U.S. travel offices and corporate travel division of Britain's Thomas Cook Ltd. for \$375

And in a corporate version of the film "La Ronde," Bayer AG of Germany will buy the over-the-counter operations of Sterling Winthrop Inc. in the United States and Canada for \$1 billion. Sterling's worldwide operations had been acquired by Eastman Kodak Co. during the merger mania of the 1980s, then sold to SmithKline Beecham PLC, the British-American pharmaceuticals company, for \$2.9 billion when Kodak decided to stick with optics. For Bayer, it meant regaining its own trademark in the United States for the first time since its U.S. operations were seized almost 80 years ago as enemy property during World War L

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Nordics Firmly on the Road to Recovery have been dressed up, it is a case of being all dressed up

with no place to go. "All banks are overcapitalized," Mr. Tillman said. "As loog as they don't have high loan demand, there's not much they can do."

What they have been doing is what American banks in the same situation have done for the last few years - playing the yield curve. The spread between long- and short-term interest rates has been so large that banks can make good money paying their depositors at the prevailing low short rates, then buying generously yielding government bonds.

They have also been throwing some of that capital around to make acquisitions and improve their operatioos. SE Banken has opened branches in Oslo and Helsinki and is about to launch a 24-hour retail banking phone service. Handelsbanken has bought some smaller banks in Norway and is interested in expanding further in the region.

Mr. Tillman said that, rather than using their capital to make loans, banks are trying to boost fee income by selling long-term savings products,

If the banks' balance sheets much as American banks have embraced the mutual fund business. Such caution is warranted. Even though the percentage of bad loans has fallen. he ooted, it is still well above the levels that healthy banks

are used to. "The first year of normal credit losses is going to be 1996, even if this year is going to be better than last," Mr. Tillman said. "It's a very mixed picture.

For Swedish banks, there is also the risk of a further slowdown in the local economy, especially with the victory last mooth of the Social Democrais. They have pledged to raise taxes to reduce the gaping budget deficit. That could mean less disposable income. On top of that, interest rates have risen sharply this year. But bankers remain optimistic,

"It's quite evident that the risks of operating in this environment are getting higher mainly due to outside factors," said Lars Isacsson, chief financial officer at SE Banken, "But we can say the crisis is over."

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How One Bank Turned Itself Around

TOCKHOLM - SE Banken seemed like just another of the casualties when it asked for state aid early last year to cope with loan losses from the collapse in Nordie real estate prices.

But SE Banken, Sweden's second-largest bank, got a lift from a sharp fall in interest rates and found that it could weather the storm on its own. The bank withdrew its appeal for aid.

Having survived that ugly episode, SE Banken went on a health kick. It sold off assets and sharply cut lending to boost the bank's capital-to-assets ratio. It streamlined operations and decentralized decisioo making in an effort to make the bank more efficient and more responsive to its retail customers.

The regimen has been successful, but not entirely. The value of its loan portfolio fell by oearly 20 percent, to 247.7 billion kronor, or about \$32 billion, in the year through June; its net problem loans fell by more than half, to 10.7 billion kronor, in the same period.

"Our balance sheet and lending have come down substantially," said Lars Isacsson, chief financial officer. "It has come down much further than we thought because loan demand is way down." Still, oet bad loans account for 4 per-

cent of outstanding loans, a figure that Mr. Isacsson said "must come down to a lower level" for the bank to feel as though it had made a complete recovery.

And he conceded that the bank had not ken. SE's larger rival which remained liked. Costs rose 6 percent in the year through June.

But the key oumber is net income, which in the first half was 2.2 billioo kronor, more than triple the gain for all of last year. The bank showed a loss in last year's first half. The reduced lending and return to profitability have boosted total capital to 13.9 percent of assets

from 13 percent at the end of last year. Much of the credit for SE Banken's recovery goes to the chief executive. Björn Svedberg, who was brought in from the LM Ericsson AB telecommunications concern

"He's tough. He changed the culture of the bank," said an analyst who follows SE Banken. "It had a reputation for being a posh bank, oow it's more efficient. They have positioned themselves to be a modern bank."

To try to set things right, the bank decided to concentrate on its core commercial and retail businesses. It gave up on its ambition to become one of the largest fund-management companies in Europe, and it sold off a number of assets, including its Swiss bank and stakes in its mortgage and finance units, and a couple of foreign banks.

SE's mission oow is to take advantage of the market share it has gained on weaker banks while oot getting into a costly battle with Svenska Handelsban-

cut expeoses as much as it would have profitable for most of the erisis. The strategy is to build up business abroad, especially in the other Nordic countries. which SE Banken would like to think are part of its home market. The bank recently opened branches in Oslo and Hel-

> "In the next year, it's important for us to get things going in the branches in Norway and Finland so profitability will be improved," Mr. Svedberg said.

> SE Banken would also like to expand its presence abroad to better cater to its large corporate clients. It already handles close to half of the foreign exchange trading done in Sweden and has more than half of the market in international payments. Such services can be extremely profitable without using up any of the

> ank's capital. There are still some mine fields to be steered around. Interest rates have lately headed back up. And there is new competition in the investment banking sec-

> But SE Banken's executives say the credit calamity has made them better able to handle new difficulties. "At times it's good to have a crisis," Mr. Svedberg said. "It was a purgatory, a process that changed the culture and made it a better. more efficient bank."

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Saints Shock Giants as Eagles Crush 49ers

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

Two of the National Football League's mightiest teams — the New York Giants and the San Francisco 49ers - came crashing to earth Sunday,

stunned by seemingly lesser rivals.
In New Orleans, New York (3-1) was knocked from the unbeaten ranks leaving the idle San Diego Chargers alone in that category - by an overpow-

NFL ROUNDUP

ering Saints defense. New Orleans had seven sacks and James Williams had a 33-yard interception return for a TD.

We all went out there determined to do whatever it took," Williams said after his first-ever touchdown. "I was just out there to buy time, and the next thing I knew I had the football and a clear shot at the end zone."

The Saints (2-3) held the Giants again playing without injured Pro Bowl running hack Rodney Hampton - to 202 yards total and 50 yards rushing.

Eagles 40, 49ers 8: In San Francisco, the game was a rout from the outset. Philadelphia, winners of three straight after an opening loss, took advantage of San Francisco's makeshift offensive line, even driving Steve Young from the game in the third quarter.

William Fuller sacked Young for a safety. Randall Cunningham completed 20 of 29 for 246 yards and two touch-downs. Charlie Garner, in his NFL debut, ran for 111 yards and two TDs.

regular-season loss in Coach George Arizona, Buddy Ryan's Cardinals (1-3) and Norv Turner. Seifert's six seasons and worst overall got going about a month later than the since a 49-3 playoff loss at the New York Giants in 1986.

Bears (3-2) won their second straight against AFC East teams after two embar- There's no doubt about that." rassing defeats. Their reversal has come with hackup Steve Walsh at quarterback instead of the injured Erik Kramer, who leads the NFL in passing efficiency.

But the defense has made the hig plays and sparked the turnaround. It held the Bills to 204 yards and forced three turnovers. Buffalo (3-2) was with- yards for Minnesota (3-2). out Thurman Thomas, sidelined with a

and son as head coaches, the old man got his 331st victory as Dan Marino threw for

two touchdowns for Miami (4-1).
"We needed this one," Don Shula "I know Dave needed it bad, too. We a concussion in the third quarter.

were just the better team." The Bengals (0-5) got going quickly,

"You can't spot the Miami Dolphins five turnovers and expect to have any chance to win the football game," said the younger Shula, Dave. "We're never going to get to the point where we're going to win a football game if we make

the mistakes that we do."

Marino was 26-for-35 for 204 yards.

The 49ers (3-2) sustained their worst Cardinals 17, Vikings 7: In Phoenix, able for Heath Shuler. Reggie Brooks

ork Giants in 1986.

"I knew it was going to be there,"
Bears 20, Bills 13: In Chicago, the Ryan said. "I just didn't know when. But we beat the best team we've played.

> The Cardinals forced four turnovers and yielded just 18 yards on the ground. "Nobody runs on us, no matter where setting up 10 points for the Cowboys, we are." Ryan said. "The '85 Bears, the and was benched by Turner, who was Eagles, the Oilers, nowhere - not even

Dallas next week. But Cris Carter had 14 catches for 167

Falcons 8, Rams 5: In Anaheim, California, a hattle of substitute quarter-backs went to Atlanta, which had its Dolphins 23, Bengals 7: In Cincinnati, backs went to Atlanta, which had its in the first professional match of father second stringer. Bobby Hebert, going against third-stringer Tommy Maddox of the Rams (2-3).

Hebert's 13-yard pass to Ricky Sanders with 3:14 left was the game's only said, then, referring to his son, he added: touchdown. Starter Jeff George left with

The Rams lost their No. 2 quarterback, Chris Chandler, with a sprained ankle; their starter, Chris Miller, already was out with a shoulder problem.

Atlanta moved into a tie for the NFC West lead at 3-2.

In earlier games, reported Monday in some editions of the Herald Tribune:

Dallas jumped to a 31-0 halftime lead, getting two TDs from Emmitt Smith before he left with a strained hamstring. Troy Aikman went 20-for-28 for 181 yards, one TD and one interception.

Shuler, making his first NFL start, completed just 11 passes in 30 attempts for 96 yards. Brooks lost two fumbles, setting up 10 points for the Cowboys, the Cowboys' offensive coordinator in their last two Super Bowl seasons.

Patriots 17, Packers 16: A wild ending in Foxboro, Massachusetts, gave the Patriots (3-2) their third straight victory and dropped Green Bay to 2-3.

Green Bay went ahead on Reggie Cobb's 1-yard run with 1:14 left. Chris

Jacke never got a chance to kick the extra point as holder Craig Hentrich couldn't handle a low snap.

Then Jacke bungled the ensuing kickoff, and the Patriots marched to set up Matt Bahr's 33-yarder with four seconds to go.

Buccaneers 24, Lions 14: In Tampa, Florida, Vernon Turner returned a punt 80 yards for a TD, the first time in their 18-year history the Buccaneers (2-3)

scored on a punt or kickoff return.
Rogerick Green got the first blocked punt for Tampa Bay in five seasons, setting up the game-clinching TD in the third quarter. Barry Sanders, the NFL's



Cowboys 34, Redskins 7: In Washing-ton, the Cowboys (3-1) made life miser-carries for Detroit (2-3). (AP, AFP) Philadelphia's Charlie Garner leaping over San Francisco defenders for a touchdown.

NHL and Union To Meet Tuesday

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
TORONTO — The National Hockey League commissioner, Gary Bettman, and the players union chief, Boh Goodenow, have agreed to resume negotiations Tuesday in an effort to get the hockey season started by Oct., 15.

The talks likely will be in moved to a neutral site.

Bettman and Goodenow not say what else the two discussed in their call.

no doubt about that," Goo- to negotiate an agreement bedenow said. "We have a lot of fore the season might lose work ahead of us if we're going games.
to put this thing together." Dep

day and the league bas pushed said, he would decide in the back its deadline for a collective interim whether or not to open hargaining agreement to Oct. the season on the new target 15. In the meantime, the players date. He preferred to have a l out and the first two weeks of the season have been hut he conceivably could accept

While owners and players are one. mostly agreed on minor issues such as reducing the number of not rejecting the players' prorounds in the draft, they are far posal but instead placing the

apart on the big issues. sharing to help small market their own lockout. teams, a salary cap for rookies,

salary arhitration and free

opening night last Saturday, the players proposed that the season begin on time and be played in its entirety, under the expired collective hargaining agreement, with the players pledging not to strike and the owners New York, although a time has pledging not to lock out the not yet been set. A league offi-cial has suggested they he nomic benefits Bettman took

away before training camp.
The Board of Governors was spoke hy telephone Sunday on expected to reject the proposal what was supposed to be Day 2 outright hut instead developed of the 1994-95 season. An NHL its own twist. Bettman anspokesman, Arthur Pincus, did nounced the next day that he was postponing the start of the season to Oct. 15, giving the two "We have wide differences, sides an additional two weeks

Depending on the pace of ne-Talks broke off last Wednes- gotiations, the commissioner the players' proposal without

With that move, Bettman was onus of negotiations on them. If Players have been without a they didn't begin meeting right contract since hefore the 1993- away or if they stalled when 94 season. The main points of they did meet, they could be disagreement concern revenue made to look responsible for

(AP. NYT)

Waiting for the Game That Went Away

Taking Charge Just Before Baseball Strike, New AL President Feels the Void

By Claire Smith

New York Times Service NEW YORK - Gene Budig may be in the most peculiar position in majorleague haseball. As the president of the American League of Professional Basehall Clubs, formally speaking, he has come into the major leagues and immediately had the most important element in his title snatched away.

There's simply no baseball there for Budig. Not since Aug. 12, when the play-Leagues went on strike. For Budig, it was like being appointed as Gary Cooper's deputy at one minute past high noon, like being hired as Nero's chief violing maker after the smaller was a feet the smaller after maker after the smoke was, indeed, followed by fire.

Budig, who left his position as chancellor of the University of Kansas to succeed Bohby Brown as league president on Aug. 1, should have been prepar-ing to crown an AL champion this week. He prepares, instead, for the great unknown, a major sports official without a sport, the irony of which hits him every time he walks into the eerily quiet league offices in New York.

"f felt encouraged by my opening days here," Budig said recently. "People seemed receptive to new ideas. But the game went away, leaving a deafening silence. Nothing was the same."

Nothing was the same."

Nothing, except his self-deprecating humor, his patience, his gentle nature and his unflagging positive outlook.

"I question my timing at times," be said with a smile. "But I am glad that I am here. The game will return. I will be given

an opportunity to make a contribution."

After the briefest of pauses, Budig grew quieter and more serious. He came to haseball because he was so encour-

aged by fellow academic Bart Giamatti. who died while serving as basehall com-missioner, and by Ewing Kaufman, the late owner of the Kansas City Royals.

They believed he had something to give a game he loved, Budig recalled; eventually he believed that, too, enough so that he left a university he loved after 20 years in the service of students. Now, there's baseball, or the lack thereof.

So it is that on some days, in some moments, there are limits even for the most patient. Budig is used to achieving and doing. His resume attests to that, as it boasts of three university presidencies or chancellorships as well as two general's stars — the highest rank ever achieved by a nonflier in the Air National Guard, a branch of the U.S. Air Force.

"I've been responsible for \$8.2 hillion in public money over the past 20 years and the educational programs of more than 520,000 students," he said. "This is an especially difficult time for me. I came bere to make a difference. And everything is on hold. There are many issues that people want to delay discussion on until resolution of the work stoppage."

At least Len Coleman, the president of the National League who was also in his inaugural season, has an all-star game, and an all-star victory, to keep him warm during these long, empty fall days.

Yes, Budig and Coleman do presidential things, such as initiating contract talks with the umpires and their union. "We are very busy people, but there is a real void, like having a university without students," Budig said.

Aside from offering their input and opinions, neither Budig nor Coleman plays a role in negotiations with the players. So while Budig can wish for longlasting peace and a partnership with players, he cannot bring it about.

So he waits. And he reflects, not only on what the game will hold for him, but also about what the game will be like when it returns.

"Baseball is being hurt, and hurt badly, by the uncertainty of the day," he "Fans are distressed, Distressed with all of us associated with the game. They are frustrated. They see something very special at risk."

The loss of the World Series was a devastating blow to those fans and something they never thought would happen, Budig said. But it did.

Budig is certain the fans will return in significant numbers. "But not without some lasting bitterness," he said. "So those of us associated with major-league basehall had better be creative and find new and better ways to be fan-friendly."

Those new ways include not only spirited play on the part of the players, but fair prices and state-of-the-art facilities, Budig said. Exploratory conversations about new ball parks were under way in Seattle, Detroit and Milwaukee.

But now city officials have taken major steps back from basehall because of not say that the strike has perbaps labled such initiatives for years, he is concerned how public officials will react. "They are uneasy, they are perplexed," he said. They do not understand what is tran-

Much of Budig's days are spent wondering how to move such issues out of neutral. And keeping regrets at hay. Yes, he misses the university, but Budig. 55, doesn't seem ready to click his heels to return to Kansas.

CALVIN AND HOBBES

SIDELINES

Ballesteros Wins German Playoff

BERLIN (Reuters) - Seve Ballesteros defeated Ernie Els, the U.S. Open champion, and José-Maria Olazábal, the U.S. Masters winner, in a dramatic playoff at the German Masters to complete one of the most satisfying victories of his career on Monday.

The Spaniard clinched his 70th tournament title with a hrilliant

birdie on the first extra hole at Motzener See, hitting a six-iron across the lake at the 18th to within three feet (a meter) and holing the putt. Els, a South African, had earlier missed a six-foot putt on the same green, leaving the trio level on the 18-under-par total of 270 and forcing them to return to the 18th tee.
Olazabal, Ballesteros's fellow Spaniard and Ryder Cup partner.

and Els could only manage par fours, giving Ballesteros a remarkable victory, given that he was 11 shots adrift of Els after two

The way I won was great, and who I beat made it even better," he said. "They are the top two young players in the world."

2d Death at World Masters Games

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) - A 63-year-old Brishane man died Monday while competing in a tennis match at the World Masters Games, the second death in three days at the Games.

A spokesperson said the man collapsed while playing at the linadalee tennis center in Brisbane. His name was not released. On Saturday, Vent Hansen, 61, a cyclist from Denmark, died from a massive heart attack after competing in the 16.5-kilometer (10mile) time trial for 60-64-year-olds.

Goalkeeper Kicks the Winning Goal

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters) — The goalkeeper of the Argentine soccer league, leader, Velez Sarsfield, scored a last-minute goal on a spectacular 25-meter free kiek to give his team a 1-0 victory over Deportivo Espanol.

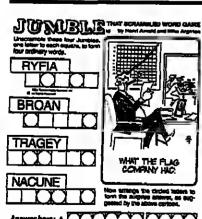
In one of the most remarkable scenes ever witnessed in Argentine soccer, Jose Luis Chilavert, the goalkeeper, rushed from his goal as soon as the kiek was awarded outside the Deportivo penalty area. He begged to be allowed to take the kiek, arguing furiously with his team captain, Roberto Trotta, who had already lined up the ball. Trotta only gave in when Chilavert refused to return to his goal. Chilavert then hlasted an unstoppable shot that left the Deportivo goalkeeper helpless.

For the Record

South Korea will approach the Stalinist North about staging a joint hid to organize soccer's World Cup in 2002, the South Korean culture and sports minister, Lee Min Sup, said on Monday at the Asian Games in Hiroshima, Japan.

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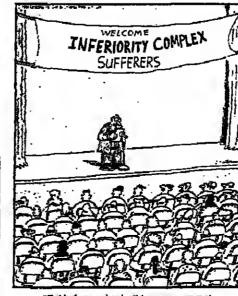




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SPORTS

After Crash, French Cyclist Is Gingerly Sprinting Again

LES ULIS, France - Of course he gets a bit nervous now in the sprint, Laurent Jalabert admitted with a defensive, lopsided grin.

Defensive because sprint-

ers, especially first-rank ones like Jalabert, do not usually say they feel fear when a hicycle race nears its finish and dozens of riders tear for the line together in a bumping. swerving wave.

Lopsided because all his

upper front teeth are missing. He lost them in a sprint. On July 3, at the end of the

first daily stage of the Tour de France, Wilfried Nelissen, a Belgian who rides for the Novernail team, sped toward the finish line in Armentières. One of the French policemen on the edge of the course drifted a few feet out and tried to photograph the onrushing sprint: Nelissen had his head down, as sprinters do, and the policeman had his eve to the camera's viewfinder, which can distort distance.

Nelissen plowed into the policeman and hurtled to the ground. Right behind him, Jalabert, a Frenchman who rides for ONCE, could not avoid the bodies and bicycle and he crashed, too. Behind them, Fabiano Fontanelli, an Italian with ZG Mobili, and Alexander Gontchenkov, a Ukrainian with Lampre, also

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went down heavily. Jalabert broke his cheekbones and shattered his front teeth. Bleeding from the scalp, nose and mouth, he did not lose consciousness. Nelissen did, suffering from concussion and face and knee cuts.

"Oh I remember it very well," Jalabert, 25, said this weekend. "I've watched the videotape but even without it I remember what happened very well." He said he tried to hide his face after the crash so that his wife would not see on

TV how badly he was hurt. Both riders were hospitalized and out of the Tour, where they were among the leading sprinters. Nelissen, at age 24 the Bel-

of the fastest men in the sport and Jalabert, not quite so fast but perhaps more savvy, won seven stages in the Vuelta d'España this spring.

accident on video and does

not like to see photographs of

it. He can sound brusque

when asked if he has overcome

fore Paris-Tours as he fiddled

with his bicycle's rear wheel,

"Everything O.K., no prob-lems." He barely glanced up. The Belgian has competed

in sprints and won them too

since the crash. Early in Sep-

tember he won a criterium,

basically an exhibition race,

in Belgium and then linished

first in the Grand Prix d'Is-

bergues in France.
"That felt good," Nelissen said. "But it's a small race,

Paris-Tours is indeed a hig-

ger race, a World Cup classic

that often is decided by a

sprint at the end of the broad,

long Avenue de Grammont in

Tours. So it was again Sunday.

The pack was bunched as it came down the 2,400-meter-

long straightaway and the sprinters were fighting and swaying for position. About 150 meters from the finish,

Christophe Capelle, a

Frenchman with the Gan

team, was humped, put on his hrakes as he headed for the

steel crowd barrier and lost

Down he went and down

A few yards ahead, unaf-

fected by the crash, the top

sprinters continued to strain

for the line. Riding in that

group, Jalabert and Nelissen

finished eighth and ninth, the

highest-placed Frenchman

and Belgian, as Erik Zabel, a

German with Telekom, won

"I lacked a little juice to finish the day well," Jalahert

told a reporter for the French

sports newspaper l'Equipe,

and I've never been so well-

placed for the sprint in Paris-

Tours as I was today."
"Only," he added, "there

are always these little lights

that flash in your head as if to

by half a wheel.

went five other riders behind

him. They were all in the sec-

control of his bicycle.

ond wave of sprinters.

not like this one here."

"Yes, yes," he answered be-

the affects of the crash.

The two other riders, Fontanelli and Gontchenkov. walked across the finish line. towing their bicycles. After Xrays, Gontchenkov learned that he had broken his right arm and had to quit the Tour; Fontanelli remained and cometed in the next day's sprint,

After a month off to recuperate, Jalabert and Nelissen have resumed racing and were among the starters Sunday in the 250-kilometer (155-mile) Paris-Tours classic.

finishing ninth.

"It's long, maybe too long for me," Jalabert said beforehand at his team botel in Les Ulis, a suburh of Paris. "I still lack a little condition but I've got the morale and maybe that will make a difference."

He regained his morale, he continued, last month in the Tour of Catalonia, when he woп a stage for his first victory since the crash. Even better, he won the stage in a sprint.
"In a sprint, yes," he re-

peated. The question was delicate: Did he get nervous now in the

sprint, especially if he was near the front? "A little. When a sprint starts to go really fast, when it gets dangerous, for an instant it starts to come back to me.

But even if it's difficult to forget, it's over." "We start sprinting and I can't let it bother me," he added. "What I think about when we start the sprint is that I have to do better than I

did in the last sprint."
He shifted in his chair and tugged at his jersey. He had answered these questions before but not often.

"Something like that marks your career," he said, "But you can't let it bother you. My job is still to sprint and win races. That's what I did and I hope that's what I'll continue to do."

Unlike the Frenchman, Ne-

China Sweeps Up 8 Records and 8 Golds

But Japan Gets Games' First Medal

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches HIROSHIMA, Japan — Japan, the host nation, won the first gold medal of the 12th Asian Games here on Monday, getting a brief moment of glory before the Chinese juggernaut swept to eight world records.

With the opening ceremony behind them and politics receding into the background, the athletes wasted no time in top-pling records, adding three Games marks in swimming to the eight world records set by China's women weight lifters.

The first full day of competi-tion ended with China leading with eight gold medals, two ahead of Japan, whose women won four golds in their national martial arts pastime karate. The Chinese women won two

golds in the swimming pool and three with world-record-breaking lifts in weight lifting.

China also picked up golds in the men's 200 freestyle, men's team gymnastics and in the men's individual foil. Japan's other golds came in swimming and in the equestrian team dressage event. The day got off to an appro-

priate start when Hisami Yokoyama won the first gold medal of the games for the hosts, taking the women's individual kata competition in karate. Yokoyama, from Kobe, over-

came a nervous semifinal appearance, to become the maugural winner of an Asian Games But she performed almost

event in which athletes perform kilogram category. a series of pre-arranged moves against an imaginary opponent to score a total of 48.1 points. But then the Chinese struck.

Chinese women weight lifters rewrote the record book in the latest sign of Beijing's rise in international sport stature. Guan Hong, 20, first shattered all three world records -

snatch, clean and jerk, and



Shan Ying of China after winning the women's 100-meter freestyle gold medal Monday.

gold medal in karate, which is combined - in the 46-kilogram China took the spotlight, win- who beat two Japanese in the making its debut as a sport in the (101-pound) category, despite a

gging knee injury. Then Liu Xiuhua, 18. hroke flawlessly in the final of the her own three records in the 50-

Zhang Juhua hrought China's record breaking run to a close, shattering two more world records in the 54-kilogram competition.

In the swimming competition. attention was focused on Chi-na's women, who won 12 of 16 events last month in the World Championships in Rome. Unheralded Shan Ying of

ning the women's 100-meter men's 200 freestyle with a freestyle in the third-best time Games record of 1:50.95, ever and edging her teammate Lu Bin, Rome silver medalist,

sat out the race, but is to com-

China's other winners were ter the Asian Games are over, the veteran Lin Li, five seconds I'll think about retiring." ahead of her world champion teammate Dai Guohong, in the beat two Chinese swimmers in women's 400-meter individual the men's 100 hreasistroke. medley, and Xiong Guoming,

Lin. who was China's first

women's champion at the start Shan finished in 54.40 sec- of the country's astonishing asonds, a Games record, and Lu cent to prominence in 1991, in 54.42. Their compatriot Le confounded her critics, who Jingyi, the world-record holder, thought she was on her way out. "I've been an athlete for a pete in Saturday's 50 freestyle. long time now," Lin said. "Af-

For Japan, Akita Hayashi

ymnastic team event — ahead of South Korea and Japan while China's Dong Zhaozhi defeated Japan's Yoshihide Nagano in the men's foil final. China can increase its lead

Tuesday when there are further finals at the pool - including the women's 200-meter hreast-stroke and 200-meter freestyle — and three women's weightlifting finals.

China also is favored in the women's team final in gymnastics, while South Korea will be looking to recover from a slow start after collecting only two silvers and two hronzes on Monday.

Japan will be looking to

maintain its hold on the karate competition — in which four gold medals will be awarded in men's competition.

On Monday, Japan reigned supreme in the event. 'It was a wonderful performance," said the Japanese head coach, Katsunori Tsuyama, of

the women's team victory. "I hope our men can do the same." he said.

A total of 337 golds are at stake in the Games. With the addition of karate and other changes to the sports

ineup since the last Games, in Beijing in 1990, and the debut of five former Soviet republics, the Chinese are saying their gold total is likely to fall from the 183 four years ago. South Korea had 54 golds and Japan 38 four years ago.

(Reuters, AP) ■ China: Drug-Racism Link

China's sports chief charged on Monday that racists were behind accusations that his world-record-setting athletes used drugs, but he also left open the possibility that some Chinese athletes may have mistakenly taken hanned drugs in medicines, Reuters reported.

Commenting on allegations by some Western coaches that Chinese swimmers and athletes take drugs, Wu Shaozu, president of the Chinese Olympic Committee, said, "I think to some extent it is racism."

He said if a Western athlete was found to have taken drugs, the individual was blamed, not the country as a whole.

"People don't blame Europehe men's 100 hreasistroke.

The Chinese won the men's only we are blamed," Wu added.

In Europe, Falling Soccer Champs

LONDON - It could be because of the demands of the European Champions' League, or just the vagaries of form and luck, but none of the teams who won last season's major soccer leagues are leading their domestic champion-ships after this weekend's action.

AC Milan, the defending European champion. is fourth in the Italian league, three points behind Parma, the leader. Barcelona, beaten in last season's Champions' Cup final by Milan, is ninth in Spain, Bayern Munich is fourth in Germany, Paris St. Germain sixth in France and Manchester United fourth in England.

AC Milan, seeking a fourth straight domestic title, returned to form with a 1-0 victory over Brescia following last week's loss to Cremonese. Marco Simone, who scored twice in Wednesday's 3-0 Champions' League triumph over Salzburg, was on target again, hut Milan's next hig

fixture may not prove to be quite so productive.

The club faces a UEFA hearing on Thursday following a bottle-throwing incident in which Salzburg's goalkeeper was hit on the head. The Italians may be ordered to replay the match. Parma beat Torino 2-0 to stay in first place on

goal difference, ahead of Roma. Barcelona and its rival Real Madrid were both surveying the wreckage of defeats. Johan Cruyff, coach of a Barcelona side beat-

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en 2-1 at Real Zaragoza, hlamed his players for lack of effort and concentration. "This is the kind of game we shouldn't lose even

if we wanted to," he said. "People seem to think they can play at half speed and still win matches. They can't! If you have eight scoring chances you have to take advantage of some of them." Real Madrid's coach, Jorge Valdano, was calmer about his side's 1-0 loss at Sporting Gi-

jon, which knocked them off the top. "The result in no way did justice to the way we played," Valdano said at the end of a game that Madrid dominated throughout, only to fall to a

shock goal four minutes from time.

Bayern Munich's uncertain start to the season continued as the club fought back from a twogoal halftime deficit to draw 2-2 at Cologne. Christian Ziege and Alexander Zickler scored for Munich, which with Karlsruhe and Kaiserlautern, is one point behind joint-leaders Werder

Bremen and Borussia Dortmund. Goals from Francis Llacer and the Brazilian midfielder Rai gave Paris St. Germain a 2-1 victory at bottom-of-the-table Caen, but PSG remains seven points behind Nantes, the unbeaten league leader.

Manchester United played lethargically Saturday and had to rely heavily on an outstanding performance from its Danish goalkeeper, Peter Schmeichel, to beat last-place Everton, 2-0.

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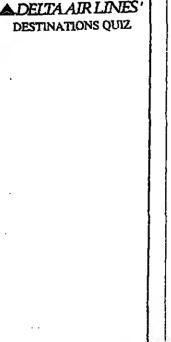
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Forget Campaigning

WASHINGTON — The O. J. Simpson trial bas ramifications far beyond deciding the destiny of one man. It's taking up the time and attention of most American citizens. and even those who vowed that they would never watch this circus are glued to their televisioo

Unfortunately, the trial is being played out this fall when

many of our ficest citizens are running for election as governor, senator, representative aod game warden. It will be impossible for any candidate

to make an im-Buchwald pact on the electorate when all the voters want to see is who has the best DNA expen.

Here's how the campaigns will be waged this year: Sir, we've just heen canceled off 'PrimeTime.' They're going to replace you with the sales-man who sold O. J. Simpson the

white Bronco.' "That's a tough hreak. I guess I'll have to go with Larry King." "That's also been canceled. He is all set to interview Judge Ito's barber for the full hour.

"This is ridiculous. I'm run-niog for the Senate and all the media are interested in is a murder trial. What gives with David

£4.2 Million for Victoriana

Reuters LUDLOW, England — A trove of Victorian memorahilia which lav in the attic of a stately home for more than half a century sold for more than £4.2 million (\$6.6 million). Sotheby's said the sale of items from Stokesay Court was the biggest such sale in Britain in a decade. in the polls."

"His people are holding back on using us until they hear from Robert Shapiro's relatives. The producers want to build the show around the human side of the trial. I think we should give

up on television and concentrate on radio." "All right. Can you book me on Don Imus?"

"No way. He is devoting the month of November to talking to the members of the L.A. police department who searched O. J.'s home. Rush Limbaugh is discussing the O. J. case as it relates to prayer in school and abortion. He says be has all his guests lined up, and every one of them happens to be from the extreme right."

"Forget radio. What about my political rally at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena?"

"We can't get anyone to come. The mistake was to book it at the same time that the prosecution is introducing the bloody glove as evidence. You could be speaking to an empty

"Iso't there anything I could do to campaign without run-ning into an O. J. conflict?"
"I doubt it. We tried to huy some time on 'Geraldo' to air

our commercials, but they said that they were completely sold out because of the trial. The stations can get twice as much money selliog spots with pro-grams devoted to crime and punishment than they can discussing honest government and lower taxes. If I were you I'd show up at the Simpson trial and start shaking hands with the people in line. If we're lucky we could get a sound bite on the 'Today' show."

"Is my opponent having as much luck as I am?"

"Not exactly. He held a town hall meeting oo the San Diego Freeway where O. J. made his drive, and he went up 43 points

The Sad, Off-Camera Story of 'Willy' the Whale

By Ted Bardacke

Washington Past Service
EXICO CITY — At the end of MEXICO CITY—At the killer the movie, Willy the killer Keiko. whale swam off to freedom. Keiko. the star of "Free Willy," suffered an unkinder fate.

The 3½-ton whale spends his days endlessly circling a pool so shallow he has trouble remaining submerged. Three times a day, 15-year-old Keiko does a few halfhearted tricks as part of a lackluster marine mammal show at Reino Aventura, the Mexico City amusement park that has owned him for more than a decade.

Captured at the age of 2, Keiko is now too big for his tank. He is sick with a herpes-type skin infection called papilloma, he is dangerously underweight, and his teeth either never matured or are being worn down hy their constant contact with the pool's inhospitable walls and bottom.

Keiko is oot the only ooe with a problem. With the killer whale still in captivity, Warner Bros., the studio behind "Free Willy," has a public relations disaster swimming around in a Mexico City fish tank. Not only has the studio been unable to follow through oo its promise to make the film come true and let the whale go, but Keiko is slated to star - via outtakes from the first film and through robotics — in a sequel, "Willy II: The Return Home," due to be released oext summer. If Keiko is still languishing south of the border while in the sequel Willy is out in the wild saving his family from the disastrous effects of an oil spill, the new movie could draw more protests than view-

Since "Free Willy" was released more than a year ago - raking in more than \$100 million - Warner Bros. bas spent more than \$1 million on studies and consultants in an attempt to get Keiko at least into a new home and out of the public eye. Robert Friedman, head of worldwide advertising and public relations at Warner Bros., claimed that "we are very close to a solution. Keiko will be moved to a new wonderful home where the idea of release can be pursued and he won't be in a performing situation.

But Reino Aventura is adamant

about not paying the \$12 million to \$15 million it will take to move Keiko. Warner says it will put up a considerable portion of that sum but the park's Pinkye Morris says the studio should take full responsibility. "They have made a lot of money on the film and only paid us \$75,000, and now we have to deal with all this bad publicity. Warner should cough up the dough,"

At least four plans to move Keiko have fallen through since the movie was released. And the studio cannot promise that Keiko will be in a oew home by the time "Willy II" makes it to the theaters. Yet if a rehabilitation plan for Keiko is moving forward, for the public "Willy will have been freed at least psychologically" and Warner's problem will be significantly lessened. Friedman said

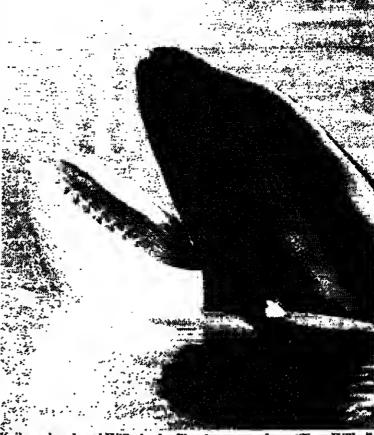
Unfortunately for Warner Bros.. and Keiko too, the acrimonious dispute among marine biologists and en-vironmentalists about what to do with the whale is far from resolved. A captive killer whale, or orea, like Keiko has never before been released back into the wild, and some apparently would like to keep it that way. As a result, the whale remains here, comeshed in opposing political and pub-lic relations agendas, each claiming that goodwill and scientific certainty are on its side.

There is general agreement on one thing: Keike is sick and will eventually oeed to be moved or his skin condinon will deteriorate, perhaps fatally. More than haif or the orcas that have died in captivity have been felled by infections.

Still, the U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service "bas received no re-ports that Keiko is in an emergency situation where he needs to be transferred immediately," according to agency spokesman Scott Smullen. The NMFS must extend an import permit for Keiko if he is to be moved to the United States, and therefore monitors the whale's veterinary evaluations.

So the rush to do something seems rooted less in concern for Keiko than in the deep emotional response generated by the movie, and the contrast between its mythical ending and the whale's real-life fortunes.

An average of 6,000 people a day, tors can stroke his rubbery underbelly.



Keiko, who played Willy in the film, in a scene from "Free Willy."

most under the age of 12, pack an outdoor amphitheater and watch Keiko perform here, his reputation augmented by the briskly selling Tshirts and banners that read "Keiko Is

Five-year-old Arturo Lopez, who owns a copy of the movie on video, sat on the edge of the pool petting the whale after the show. "The part of the movie I like the best is when he jumps into the ocean at the end and swims away. That would be neat to see for

real," he said. One of Keiko's main trainers, 22year-old Carla Corral, explained that the whale is very used to having people around. Under her watchful eye Keiko slowly rolls oo his side so visiHe sometimes squirms when he is

"He is quite ticklish," Corral said, "and very cuddly, very sociable. He really likes to be in on the gossip, to be talked to and to know what is going

It should be no surprise that Keiko likes company. Out in the wild, orcas are family-oriented creatures, forming intense long-term social bonds. Living in family pods of about 15 members, male orcas are known to travel with their mothers until the age of 20. While orcas share a species-wide "language," or set of identifying sounds, each family pod is distinct enough to have developed its own dialect.

Concentrated in the cold waters off Iceland and the northern Pacific in captivity, she said.

coast, orcas can weigh as much as five tons and live into their 50s. They can just about anything that gets in their way, although they prefer salmon and herring — about 250 pounds (about 155 kilos) a day. And although they run the same risks from humans and other environmental hazards as do other marine mammals, orcas often shy away from boats and nets and are not classified as an endangered species. Approximately 50 orcas live in captivity around the world, about half of them in the United States.

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Keiko's lack of proven hunting. communication and other survival skills are the main barriers to his release back into the wild. "It would be very difficult to reverse the [captivity] situation," said Brad Andrews, direc-Specialist Survey tor of zoological operations for the Sea World chain of four marine parks in the United States. "Keiko swims with dolphins and sea hous. He is

supposed to eat them."
Though "definitely fiction," there is a "real liberating aspect" to the movie's last scene, said David Phillips of the San Francisco-based Earth Island Institute, which sponsors the 800-4-WHALES telephone information number that appears at the end of "Free Willy." The institute has received 500,000 calls in less than a year. Callers receive a quick status report on Keiko and lots of information

about protecting whales in the wild. While Phillips is pleased that he can use Keiko to stir up interest in envi-ronmental causes, Reino Aventura's Morris seems bewildered by the attention the park is getting as a result of the film. Morris sighed as she went through some of the 800 letters the park receives each week from around the world -- California, England, Finland, Germany, Oman — complaining about Keiko's continued confine-

People are frustrated that the ending of the movie can't come true, Morris complained, "so they make us out to be the villains" by saying that Keiko's conditions here are as bad as they were in the film. "We want to let him go just as bad as the rest. But we don't see it as a problem — more as a responsibility," she said. "We would have a real problem if the whale died"

WEATHER

Forecast for Wednesday through Friday, as provided by Accu-Weather.

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HONEYMOONING at an undisclosed location are Whoopi Goldberg and Lyle Trachtenberg, who were married in a ceremony on her back lawn. Trachtenberg, 38, is an union organizer she met on her TV set. Goldberg, 38, announced her engagement in April on "Larry King Live." She said then: "He's a normal guy. He's got a regular 9 to 5 job five days a week. I've never been out with somehody like that before." Videotane shot from belicopthat before." Videotape shot from helicop-ters over Goldberg's Pacific Palisades home Saturday showed a hride in a white gown and a groom in a tuxedo taking their vows on the back lawn. Steven Spielberg. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Matthew Modine were reported to be Hollywood nota-hles among the 350 guests.

revive an author's \$10 million libel lawsuit against The New York Times for publishing a negative review of his book. The court let stand on Monday a ruling that threw out Dan Moldea's suit because the comments that were the focus of the suit were "n supportable interpretation of the author's work." The writer sued the Times over a Sept. 3, 1989, review of "Interference: How Organized Crime Influences



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Professional Football." The review, by a Times sportswriter, Gerald Eskenazi, cootained some favorable comments but concluded that there was "too much sloppy

journalism to trust the hulk of this book's 512 pages. The suit said the review utter-ly destroyed Moldea's reputation as an investigative journalist."

Bill Gates, the Microsoft Corp. chairman, is back on top as the richest American, with a net worth of \$9.35 billion from his software empire, Forbes magazine says. Gates edged the stock tycoon Warren Buffett, with \$9.2 billion, out of the No. 1 spot, the business hiweekly said in its annual report on the 400 richest Americans. Forbes said Buffett, 64, kept his company growing, but not as fast as Microsoft.

The creator of the syndicated cartoon "The Far Side," Gary Larson, plans to Press Syndicate said Monday. Larson has drawn his cartoon of the absurd, featuring things like cows in singles bars and bacteria with family lives, for 15 years. The last cartoon will appear Jan. 1. Larson, 44, said bis main reasons for retiring were "simple fatigue and a fear that if I continue for many more years my work will begin to suffer or at the very least case into the Graveyard of Mediocre Cartoons."

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